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Goes Hard Aground In Fog Off South Formosa

Shanghai Lock In Tension

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

A STORM OF INDIGNATION HAS BEEN AROUSED IN THE CHINESE PRESS OVER THE "LOCK IN" CARRIED OUT BY THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL IN THE VICINITY OF YU YUEN AND TI FENG ROADS YESTERDAY.

The trouble arose over the refusal of Chinese residents to pay Settlement taxes, to which the Council retaliated by barricading the area and cutting sewage drainage connections.

Now the Chinese newspapers are asking why tenants who pay rates should be penalised with defaulters.

The Chinese civic authorities are very perturbed at the Council's action and declare that it prejudices the negotiations concerning the status of the "outside roads."

The Council, however, maintains that the tenants are clearly evading payment of lawful charges for Municipal benefits.

ARMED GUARDS

Meanwhile an atmosphere of tension broods in the affected area, which is guarded by armed Municipal and Chinese police.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

Feeling is running high as a result of the action of the S.M.C.

It is understood that Mr. Yu Hung-kwan, Secretary to Mr. Wu Te-chen, Mayor of Greater Shanghai, called on Mr. Stirling Fessenden, Secretary-General, last evening and lodged a verbal protest.—Our Own Correspondent.

BETTER WEATHER OUTLOOK

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone has increased further in intensity; it is now centred over the Yangtse Valley and extends south-westward over Tongking. Depressions are situated over S. Manchuria and to the north-east of Hokkaido. Forecast: N. and N.E. winds, moderate to fresh, fine generally.

CREW LANDED: JAPANESE BOAT RUSHING TO AID

DISASTER OVERTOOK THE INDO-CHINA S.N. COMPANY'S S.S. HOPSANG LAST NIGHT, WHEN SHE WENT ASHORE IN A HEAVY FOG ON GARAMBI PROMONTORY IN SOUTH FORMOSA.

Indications are that the steamer is in a serious plight, for S.O.S. messages were sent out immediately and it is learned that the crew of the Hopsang have landed on the coast and are safe.

The agents for the Company, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson state that the Hopsang has been holed, but their information is insufficient to reveal the gravity of the damage.

Japanese Steamer Goes To Aid

Captain D. S. Pethick, master of the Hopsang, is well-known in Hong Kong. His S.O.S. messages were picked up by the Japanese steamer, Tencho Maru, which was only 50 miles away from the scene of the stranding and immediately changed course and proceeded to the Hopsang's assistance.

It is probable that the Tencho Maru has now reached Garambi and is standing by.

The Hopsang was proceeding from Takao to Keelung when she stranded. She is one of the bigger of the Jardine boats, being a ship of 2,149 tons.

The Tencho Maru is owned by the Tatsunuma Kisen Kaisha.

Salvage Boat Going

Later.

It is understood that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company are making arrangements for the despatch of a salvage tug to Garambi Point.

Nothing has been heard from the Hopsang since the crew abandoned ship and there has been no communication from the Tencho Maru which went to her assistance.

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Mine Disaster In U.S.

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

EIGHTEEN MINERS ARE MISSING AND FEARED DEAD AS THE RESULT OF A DISASTROUS COLLIERY EXPLOSION AT CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

The explosion occurred when the entire night shift was in the shaft. Most of the men managed to escape though many suffered from shock and injury, but eighteen were buried or cut off in the fall.

The mine affected was the MacBeth Mine which was wrecked.—Reuter.

Naval Officer's Wedding

The forthcoming marriage of Hugh Alfred Vernon Haggard, naval officer of H.M.S. Osiris, and Miss Margaret Dykes, who is en route to the Colony by the s.s. Glenbeg from England, has been announced.

The Play Must Go On

London, To-day.

In obedience to the request of her husband, who died on Wednesday, Marie Tempest last night played her usual comedy part in the play "Retreat from Folly," at the Queen's Theatre.

The famous actress was tumultuously cheered.—Reuter.

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COST OF NAVAL PATROL

Germany Increases Offer

Berlin, To-day.
Germany is prepared to increase the first instalment of her share of the costs of the Spanish patrol scheme from £2,000 to \$10,000.

This is reported to be the outcome of discussions yesterday between various governmental departments concerned.

The question of possible payment of additional sums in the form of deliveries in kind was also discussed, but it was found that this would meet with various obstacles.

Other countries participating in the control might wish to take similar action, it is pointed out, which might hamper financial aid.—Trans-Ocean.

POLITICS IN THE CHURCH

Rumanian Synod Issues Order

Bucharest, To-day.
An order has been issued to all clergy in Rumania to refrain from political activities of any kind.

The order, which was issued by the Church Synod, follows the recent demand of the Government that clergy cease preaching political sermons.

The order forbids clergy to consecrate political banners, administer political oaths, participate in political demonstrations or mention or discuss any political questions in sermons.

Severe penalties will be meted out to infringers of the order.—Trans-Ocean.

Unemployment In Germany

Berlin, To-day.
Registered unemployment in Germany during February declined by 243,000 to 1,611,000, which is 904,000 less than at the end of February last year.—Trans-Ocean.

Italo-Hungarian Trade Pact

Rome, To-day.
The Italo-Hungarian trade and shipping treaty of 1927 has been supplemented by a new agreement extending the scope of the original document to all Italian colonies and dependencies.

The subsidiary agreement was signed yesterday on behalf of Italy by the Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and for Hungary by the Minister in Rome, Baron Villani.—Trans-Ocean.

Three thousand people have signed a petition against Wang's application for incorporation.

LOCAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Weekly Return

In the Colony of Hong Kong including the Island, Kowloon and the New Territories during last week, there were altogether 47 traffic accidents, as the result of which 15 persons were injured.

Of the persons injured, 11 were pedestrians, who were either walking or running across the road and were struck by vehicles.

A Chinese male was accidentally struck and injured by a bag of cotton falling from a motor lorry.

One lorry passenger was injured through falling from a moving motor lorry.

Two tramcar passengers were injured while alighting from moving tramcars.

Of the 47 accidents, 23 were collisions between vehicles; 15 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; and 9 accidents were due to other causes.

Vehicles	Numbers
Private Motor Car	47
Motor Lorry	11
Public Motor Car	8
Motor Bus	4
Motor Cycle	1
Tramcar	5
Bicycle	2
Tricycle	3

THE WORLD GOES BY

A DISTRAUGHT correspondent wants me to help him give up smoking.

I don't quite know why he comes to me, but I sympathise with him, having often tried to do the same thing myself and always failing.

But I suggest the following. Take three weeks' leave. Spend the first week in church. Spend the second week in the public library. Spend the third week in hospital. You'll probably have to anyway.

At the end of that time you will have a knowledge of religion, literature and medicine and you will not have smoked.

I guarantee this method to be infallible. I tried something like it once and at the end of three weeks I was only smoking fifty a day instead of seventy-five, so there must be something in it. (Patent pending).

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I see from a home paper that a leather exhibition has been held at Charing Cross. Among the exhibits is a piece of leather marked "human skin." It was apparently another specimen of that gruesome skill which was as ready to turn the human skin as the choicest lambskin into leather.

This reminds me of an exhibit I once saw at Bury St. Edmunds. It was a record of the trial of a nineteenth-century murderer. The volume was bound in a material that looked like brown calf but contained an inscription to the effect that the binding was the skin of the murderer, taken from the body after execution and tanned by the surgeon to the Suffolk Hospital.

If you have ever been into the public library at Exeter you may have seen a similar grim exhibit. It is the skin of a man sentenced to death for murder of his wife and now used as book binding. It was, as far as I can recollect, of a dull ivory colour, and nice and soft to the touch. The only shock I had was when I opened the volume and found it to be a copy of Milton's poems.

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Here And There

A Yugo-Slav hangman recently postponed the execution of two condemned murderers for 24 hours because he was tired.

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Because Freddie Bartholomew, 12-year-old film star, is earning more than £250 a week in Hollywood, the Canadian Government has decided to withdraw the pension of \$36 a year granted to him as a dependent of Father Cecil Llewellyn Bartholomew, who lost a leg in the Great War.

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Six Service revolvers recently mysteriously disappeared from the armoury at the R.A.F. camp at Wendover. Police throughout the country were supplied with a description of the revolvers. The re-

Governor Down With Tonsillitis

A communique issued from Government House last night states:—

The Governor, having failed to throw off an attack of Tonsillitis which started on Sunday last, is constrained on medical advice to cancel all his engagements until Monday morning next. His Excellency, who deeply regrets a necessity which involves his inability to attend to-morrow's Anglo-Chinese Tiffin, the St. Patrick's Ball and Saturday's races, will transfer to Fanling Lodge to-morrow for recuperation. Lady Caldecott's engagements will not, it is hoped, be affected.

FRENCH ADMIRAL ARRIVES

Cruiser Staying Here For Eight Days

The flagship of the French Far Eastern Squadron, the Lamotte Picquet, arrived in Hong Kong this morning from Manila with Vice-Admiral Commander-in-Chief, J. P. Esteva, on board.

On arrival, a salute of 21 guns was fired by the incoming cruiser, to which the Fort Battery replied.

Afterwards, H.M.S. Tamar fired a salute of 15 guns in honour of the Vice-Admiral and the Lamotte Picquet accorded the Commodore a salute of 11 guns.

The French cruiser is staying here until March 20 when she will proceed to Shanghai. A soiree in honour of the visit will be held at the French Consulate on March 18.

It is learned that Vice-Admiral Le Bigot is coming out to the Far East and will take over command from Vice-Admiral Esteva on May 15.

ROOSEVELT TAKES A HOLIDAY

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt yesterday left for Warm Springs, Georgia, for a holiday.

The Chief Executive was accompanied by a party of eleven, including Mr. William Bullitt, Reuter.

volvers were later recovered. They had not been taken out of the camp.

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A man recently awoke one morning to see his pillow spotted with blood, and found that in his sleep he had accidentally punctured his nose with his stiffly waxed moustache.

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A gent in Gloucester, determined to commit suicide, cut his throat and jumped down a well. He died from shock.

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Some folks don't know when to stop. An 18-year-old girl was married recently. At the wedding feast there was an unlimited supply of wine and brandy. The result? Bride trampled on and severely hurt. Five guests injured and one killed.

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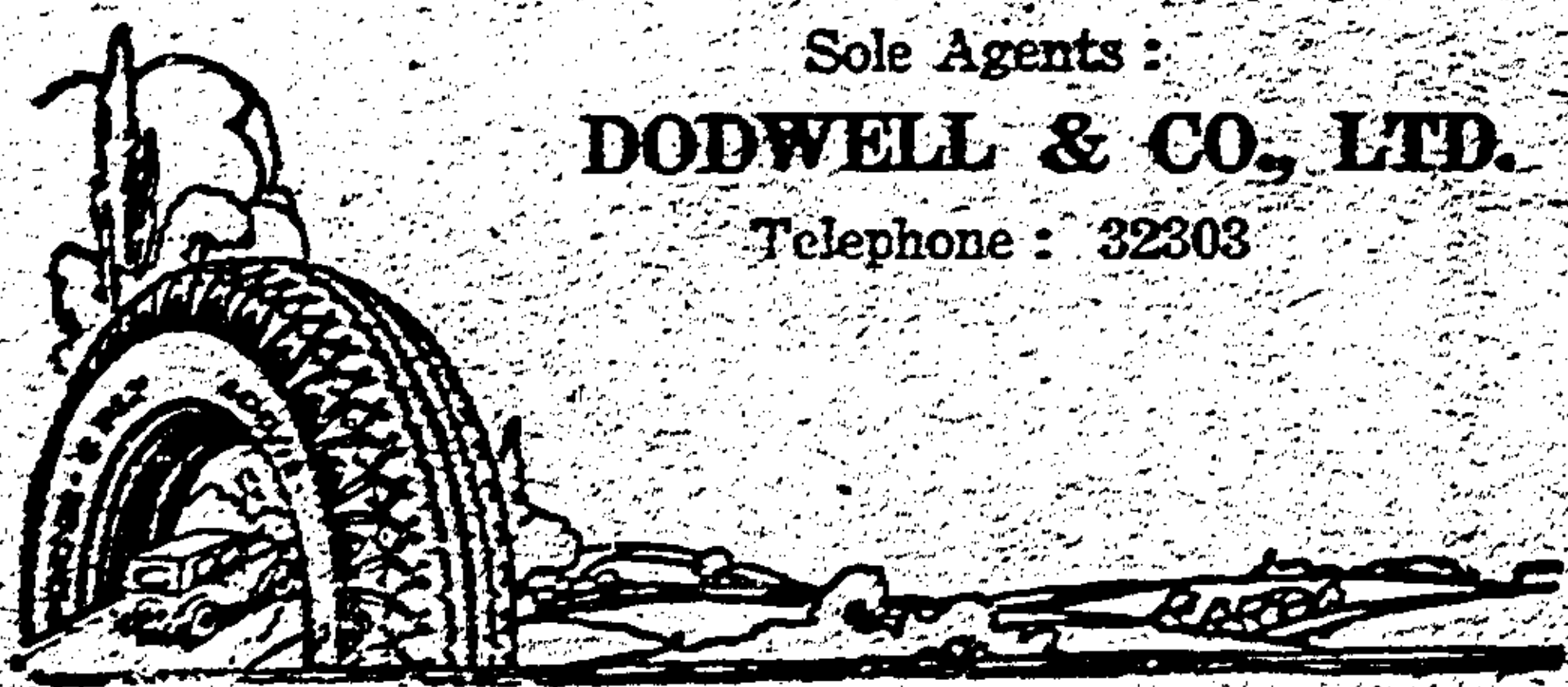
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MEETING AGAIN IN
JUNE

GENEVA, TO-DAY.

THE RAW MATERIALS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY AGREED TO TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE WHICH WILL DEAL WITH QUESTIONS OF SUPPLY, QUESTIONS OF ACQUISITION AND PAYMENT, AND STATISTICS.

Both the first and second sub-committees will examine the question of how the present situation can be remedied.

It is hoped to close the present session of the conference to-day, while the next session will be in the second half of June.—Reuter.

ITALIAN COMMENT

Rome, To-day.

Italian opinion has apparently taken exception to the view expressed by Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, the British delegate to the raw materials conference, that the reason why certain countries had difficulty in obtaining raw materials was in part due to their own economic and monetary policy.

The "Tribuna" writes that such an assertion "sounds like a joke."

"Apparently the President of the German Reichsbank, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, spoke in vain when he said that only those raw materials obtainable in one's own colonies were of any value to a country faced with foreign exchange difficulties, seeing that in order to purchase other raw materials one must be given a chance of paying for them."

"NEAR TO SCORN"

The journal asserts that Sir Frederick's statement that the welfare of natives should be respected comes near to scorn.

"Apparently the League of Nations has been brought into existence merely to safeguard the treasures and wealth of Great Britain."

The paper concludes by saying that those nations lacking in raw materials must choose a path that does not lead through Geneva—Trans-Ocean.

APPROACH TO PEACE IN GENERAL MOTOR STRIKE

Detroit, To-day.

The representatives of General Motors and the union of automobile workers are approaching a signed settlement of the labour dispute.

The conference, however, was adjourned till to-day, it being declared that there are still minor details to iron out.—Reuter.

Montreux Conference

London, To-day.

The Secretary to the Department of Overseas Trade, Captain Euan Wallace, will lead the United Kingdom delegation at the forthcoming conference at Montreux on the capitulatory regime in Egypt.—British Wireless.

A Steak and Kidney Dinner, followed by a Smoking Concert is being held at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, on Saturday evening.

Disastrous Fire In Nanking

Nanking, To-day.

Yesterday morning a disastrous fire caused heavy loss in Nanking.

At 3.15 a.m., a fire broke out in the Greater China Market and the whole building with 21 other buildings in the neighbourhood were completely destroyed.

It is learned that the total loss is well over a million dollars.

It was the biggest fire that has occurred in Nanking since it became the capital of China.—Our Own Correspondent.

MISS O'KEEFE'S DISPLAY

Outstanding Success
Last Evening

The chief feature of the highly successful performance at the King's Theatre yesterday afternoon given by the pupils of Miss Daisy O'Keefe, was the remarkable display of Miss Betty Pestonji. Displaying a technique and assurance worthy of a professional of many years' experience Miss Pestonji's solo dances both classical and modern, were very well-received by an audience that filled the spacious Theatre to capacity. Among those present was Lady Caldecott, attended by the A.D.C., Capt. Cragg, and His Excellency's Private Secretary.

The most charming—and amusing—number on the programme, was a sailor's horn-pipe by the infants. Smartly attired as rollicking sailors, these youngsters showed a delightful disregard for uniformity in movement and the seriousness with which they went through their various manoeuvres, resulted in loud shouts for encores.

Special mention should be made of Sally Fuxman, the soloist in "At the Cod Fish Ball." She sang and danced in the approved Shirley Temple manner and led her chorus in great style.

Jazz

A dance entitled "Jazz" given by the older pupils would have done credit to a Hollywood production. Led by Miss Betty Pestonji, they went through the intricate steps of a tap-dance with a precision, which reflects great credit on their instructress.

Miss Kathleen Glover and the League of Health and Beauty ably demonstrated how the ladies of the Colony manage to keep themselves fit. Set to music, all the exercises were performed in a whole-hearted manner.

A tap item by the Chinese members of the league, and a solo by Miss Kathleen Glover were both very well received.

Grand Finale

As a grand finale, all Miss O'Keefe's pupils took the stage in a member entitled "The Blue Danube," the most pleasing and beautiful item.

At the conclusion of the performance, the stage was inundated by a wealth of beautiful flowers.

The annual meeting of the members of the Bibliotheque Francaise will be held at 5 p.m. on March 23 in the offices of the Consulat de France, Alexandra Building. The reports shows that the number of volumes has increased to 3,879.

Syncopation By
H. L. Ozorio
At 7.40 To-Night

To-day's Wireless

Half-An-Hour
With Elgar:
B.B.C. Orchestra

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—A Light Concert.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Createore's Band.
2.05 p.m.—Three songs by Malcolm McEachern (bass).
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—Half an hour with Elgar.
1. The 1st Movement from Concerto in B Minor, Op. 61, played by The London Symphony Orchestra. Conducted by the Composer. Allegro.
2. Prelude—"The Kingdom," Op. 51, played by the B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra, Conducted by the Composer.
3. Imperial March, played by Stanley Roper on the Organ of St. Margaret's Church, Westminster.
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Hildegard looks back.
7.40 p.m.—Studio-Syncopation at the piano by H. L. Ozorio.
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—A Recital by Nelson Eddy (Baritone).

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"Naughty Marietta"—
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"The Blue Paradise"—
Auf Wiedersehen.
8.15 p.m.—London—"This is England"
Talks by representative English people (10): A reception clerk from one of London's largest hotels. Introduced by Anthony Weymouth. (Electrical Recording).
8.30 p.m.—London—The B. B. C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall.
8.55 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
9.15 p.m.—Overture—"Cosi Fan Tutte" (Mozart), played by The B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra, Conducted by Adrian Boult.
9.20 p.m.—From the Studio.
The 5th of a second series of Gramophone Recitals by The Rev. C. B. R. Sargent.
10 p.m.—London—Big Ben. A talk on the Football Association Cup. (Electrical Recording).
10.17 p.m.—Variety and Dance Music.
Vocal—
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Here's love in your eyes.
To Mary—with love.
Denny Dennis.
Band—
Dandelion, Daisy and Daffodil.
Sydney Lipton and His Grosvenor House Band.
Hawaiian—
Haleiwa.
Ray Kinney with Dick McIntire's Harmony Hawaiians.
Fox-Trots—
Num-Yuff and Sun-Yuff.
Old Sailor.
Ambrose and His Orchestra.
Songs—
Clavelito del Genil.
Flor del Mal.
Raquel Meller.
Fox-Trot—
Slipping through my fingers.
Lew Stone and His Band.
Waltz—
The dance goes on.

Mantovani and His Typical Orchestra.
11 p.m.—Close Down.

The Western Brothers

The Western Brothers, who will shortly be heard in the Empire programmes, are the modern equivalent of J. L. Toole, who satirised the foibles of Victorian society so brilliantly. The Western Brothers, who are not brothers but cousins, about six years ago struck out on a new and daring line of humour. In the very heart of Mayfair they satirised the eccentricities of 'superior persons'. The songs and running commentary by which they have made their reputation centre round 'The old school tie', 'Play the game, you cads', 'Don't let the side down', and 'Keeping up the old traditions'. They began their experiment with a little fear and uncertainty because they did not know how their good-humoured satire would go down, but there never was any doubt about their success, which was instantaneous, sensational, and has proved continuous. George is the pianist and Kenneth the comper.
Transmission 4, March 24, 6.20 p.m. G.M.T.
Transmission, 4, March 27, 8 p.m. G.M.T.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Bidding Too Strong; Playing Too Weak

The normal hazards of bad breaks to which even the best bidding must expose a player require careful enough handling. Increased as these hazards are by overly ambitious contracts, anything short of perfect play is apt to be extremely costly. It would be nothing more than logical, then, for habitual overbidders to play the cards superlatively well. Unfortunately, this does not often happen. Most of the super-optimists fail to justify themselves by unusual skill in the play.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S 9 5

H K 9 6

D Q J 7 6 3 2

C 8 7

WEST

S A Q J 8 2

H J 10 4

D 9

C A K 5 4

EAST

S 6 4

H 8 7 5 3 2

D K 8 4

C 10 6 2

SOUTH

S K 10 7 3

H A Q

D A 10 5

C Q J 9 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 not r p	Double	2 diam.	2 hearts
2 not r p	Double	Pass	Pass

East's two heart bid, a free bid since he had been relieved of responsibility by North's diamond take-out, was little short of horrible. But it wasn't a great deal worse than South's rebid of no trump. He had been warned twice, the first time by West's take-out double, the second by his own partner's weakness bid (over a take-out double). North felt that he had given sufficient warning and, therefore, having a fair six card suit and an outside entry, saw no reason why he should run from the penalty double.

West opened the jack of hearts and, to preserve dummy's entry, declarer won with the ace. He then

defeated himself by a bad play. He laid down the ace and ten of diamonds. West signaled with a low club on the second diamond lead and East held up his king, winning the third round, which was the following lead. A spade was led through the declarer, who played low, West winning with the jack. West then proceeded to clean up the black cards in the dummy by laying down the spade ace and the ace and king of clubs. After that, West carefully led the four of hearts. Declarer was now squarely up against it. If he should win in dummy with the king, his own queen would fall and an opponent finally would capture dummy's nine spot for the setting trick. If he were to win in his own hand, he would be able to cash only the two high club tricks and the king of spades, and never be able to reach dummy for the long diamonds. Thus he certainly would be defeated one trick whatever he did.

The hand had been lost at the second trick. The crux of the situation was to maintain communication between the dummy and the closed hand, and the right way to do this was by leading a small diamond away from the ace up to dummy's queen-jack. If East took his king and made the best return of a spade, the defenders could win only two spade tricks and two clubs, in addition to the king of diamonds. If East should hold up his king, a diamond return and finesse would return all six diamond tricks to the declarer by the overtaking of his own queen of hearts. Regardless of the defence, the contract would have been fulfilled by the simple expedient named.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: May declarer call a lead if the wrong defender leads and declarer's partner exposes his cards before declarer names suit to be led?

Answer: In this case the declarer may not call a lead. The card led out of turn is treated as a penalty card only.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Old Hutch", with Wallace Berry, Eric Linden, Cecilia Parker, Elizabeth Patterson and Robert McWade. The adventures of the laziest man in town, following his discovery \$100,000.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Mutiny On the Bounty", with Charles Laughton and Clark Gable. The adventures of Captain Bligh and his mutinous crew on the first Naval expedition to Tahiti.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"The Flying Hostess", with William Gargan, Judith Barrett and William Hall. A thrilling romance of the skies.

AT THE KING'S—"The Man Who Lived Twice", with Ralph Bellamy, Marian Marsh and Isabel Jewell. A blood-chilling drama of a killer resurrected and transformed into a reputable and eminent surgeon.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Under Your Spell", with Lawrence Tibbett, Wendy Barrie, Gregory Ratoff and Arthur Treacher. A roughhouse romance that hits the high spots of comedy, action, rhythm and excitement.

AT THE STAR—"Little Lord Fauntleroy", with Dolores Costello Barrymore, Freddie Bartholomew, C. Aubrey Smith, Guy Kibbee and Mickey Rooney. The familiar story adapted to the screen, is laid in the America and England of 1885 and depicts the softening influence of Fauntleroy's devotion upon his trisicible of old grandfather, the Earl of Dorncourt.

COMING PICTURES

"Pennies From Heaven"—with Bing Crosby, Madge Evans, Edith Fellows and Louis Armstrong. The gayest fun-show of the new season. Coming to the King's.

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Sir Samuel Hoare's Speech On Naval Estimates

London, To-day.

An inspiring description of Great Britain's efforts to reorganise the Navy was given by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Samuel Hoare, in introducing the Navy Estimates in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

SIR SAMUEL SAID THAT THE NAVY WAS FORCED, OWING TO PAST INACTION, TO TELESCOPE INTO TWO OR THREE YEARS WHAT NORMALLY WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN TEN YEARS.

NOW THE HOUSE WAS ASKED TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF OVER £100,000,000 AND A CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME OF EIGHTY SHIPS.

All personnel in the Admiralty were determined to avoid any unnecessary delays.

After emphasising the complementary value of the Air Force and the Navy, Sir Samuel declared that the Admiralty since the War had concentrated its attention upon war-time lessons with the view of adapting construction of ships, naval strategy and tactics.

No Copying

There was no copying of old models or of foreign ships.

The design of every one of these ships bore the impress of the lessons they were learning from the new world.

Taking the design of battleships as an illustration, before any one of these five battleships was laid down, he said there were no less than eighteen separate designs which had been tested from every possible angle.

Every Experiment

There had been large scale and small scale experiments of almost every kind, including explosive experiments to decide the effect of various explosives upon various sections of metal.

The result was that the ships would bear the impress of a long series of experiments, and they had concentrated attention, which naval officers of construction had given for the last eighteen years, to the problems.

He had no desire to under-rate the formidable new threat from the air but they had had eighteen years to develop a counter-action, including the use of air power itself and the production of anti-aircraft weapons on a scale and precision undreamed of in 1918.

The effect was to make the fleet generally and the battleship particularly the least attractive target for an enemy air force.

Naval Bases

During recent months there had been concentration by all three Services upon the most important problem of defence of naval bases from aerial attack.

It had been found possible to concentrate a great volume of the defence counter-attack in the bases' defence, which it was a much easier problem than protection of a great city.

Merchant Shipping

Considerable advance had been made in the protection of merchant vessels in narrow seas but he pointed out the possibility that the chief danger there might come from surface vessels.

They had confidential plans ready which they would be able to put into operation if an emergency arose, and there was no danger of the long period of fatal delay that occurred in the early years of the War.

Over-age cruisers and destroyers would be used for escort purposes.

Emergency Plans

Emergency plans were being prepared by a joint committee of the Admiralty, the Board of Trade and the merchant marine for possible routes in an emergency.

Satisfactory progress was being made with the Singapore Base.

In the course of the next two or three months the graving dock would be working, and they were now within sight of full completion of the base, which was absolutely necessary if the navy was to carry out its duties in the Eastern as well as the Western hemispheres.

Naval Treaties

Sir Samuel paid a tribute to the very great value of the Anglo-German Naval Treaty, which was being carried out loyally by both sides.

He declared it was easy to under-rate the importance of the 1936 Naval Treaty but it had brought about definite qualitative limitation, and he hoped enough naval powers would ratify the Treaty to enable Britain to ratify.—Reuter.

Later:—The Commons agreed to the naval estimates by 152 votes to 57.—Reuter.

148 Under Construction

In asking the Commons to approve the programme of eighty new ships, the First Lord of Admiralty said the demand meant that at the end of the year, Great Britain would have under construction the remarkable number of 148 new ships, including five capital ships, four aircraft carriers, and 17 cruisers.

The size of the programme was the measure of past deficiencies.

Sir Samuel Hoare devoted his speech to three principal questions. Were they building the right kind of fleet for the new conditions? What was naval policy behind the programme? What was the future of naval armaments?

While he regarded the surface raider as still the greatest danger to trade routes, so that an adequate number of warships remained the first essential for their protection, the First Lord dealt in particular with the question—to which the naval and air staffs had given closer attention than to any other—of trade communication through narrow seas. Plans developed were necessarily confidential but if a threat developed they were ready to meet it.

Bold Offensive

The Navy still believed that the best form of defence was a bold offensive. Attack would not be the monopoly of an enemy.

After parenthetically assuring the House that the naval base at Singapore was within sight of completion, Sir Samuel recalled the general objective he had given for the naval base. It was as essential for any part in collective action which Britain might have to take under covenant, as for self-defence.

He anticipated that if the naval programme were criticised in light of these considerations, it would be for its shortcomings rather than its excess, but he replied that in the changing situation the programme must be flexible and for the present the proposed expansion was as much as was either wise or practicable.

Size Of Battleships

In the case of battleships during 1937, five new ships would be laid down because, as twelve of the existing fifteen were over twenty years old, they would otherwise be in a position of serious weakness in the face of naval powers which had been building new battleships for some years. The new battleships would displace about 35,000 tons and have fourteen-inch guns and were designed for a higher speed than any existing British battleship.

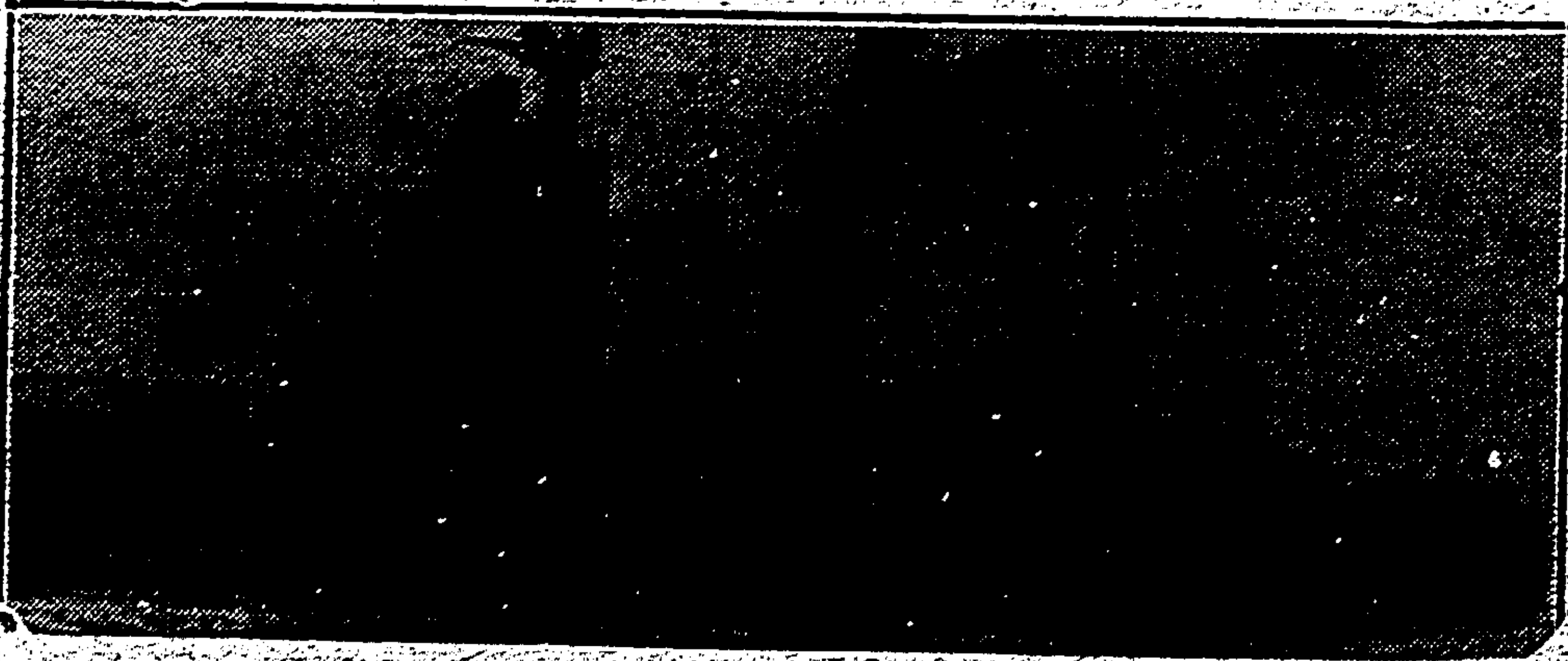
As to cruisers, seven to be laid down this year would bring under-age cruisers up to 53 and overage to 23.

Sir Samuel Hoare's concluding words were devoted to the future of naval armaments.

Was the world entering upon a new race in which sooner or later it would die through outside destruction or by self-destruction in final catastrophe? He refused to accept the view as too fatalistic, recalling that the one field in which it so far had been found possible to reach agreement on limitation, was the naval.

Treaty Negotiations

Negotiations were going on with a number of Powers with a view to bringing them within the system of the 1936 treaty. The main effort of the British Government had been directed to the conclusion of bilateral agreements with Germany and Soviet Russia, but similar negotiations had been proceeding satisfactorily with Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Poland and Turkey. Italy was ready to make a valuable contribution by its readiness to accept a maximum gun calibre of fourteen inches for capital ships, provided the other principal naval powers did likewise. He hoped, following the Anglo-Italian declaration relating to the Mediterranean, that Italy would, before long, accede to the whole treaty. If the treaty became general they might obviate a naval race which could be qualitative as much as quantitative and past experience showed that the first was the more dangerous. Competition in types was more expensive and more detrimental to friendly relations between nations than in numbers. The 1936 treaty gave them a chance to avoid a race of new types and sizes and he was not unhopeful of the future.—British Wireless.



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GERMANY'S CONDITIONS FOR PROPOSED NEW WESTERN PACT

Death Of Franco-Russian Military Understanding

His Majesty's New Civil List

London, To-day.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the King's message regarding the Civil List will be brought to the House of Parliament during the next few days.—Reuter.

AN INDEPENDENT COURSE

U.S. And The Spanish Civil War

Washington, To-day.
It is well-known that the United States Government is pursuing an independent course in respect of the Spanish War.

So declared the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday in a comment on the suggestion made in the British Parliament that the United States should be invited to join the Spanish non-intervention agreement.—Reuter.

U.S. KIDNAPPING TRIAL

Weiss And Schlossman Found Guilty

Brooklyn, To-day.
At the re-trial Harry Weiss and Martin Schlossman, were yesterday found guilty of kidnapping Apul Wendel, who figured prominently in the Lindbergh baby trial.

The jury had disagreed at the previous trial in February.

Weiss and Schlossman face a sentence of twenty years to life.

A third defendant has already pleaded guilty.—Reuter.

Leung Sam, remanded yesterday when convicted of receiving a quantity of cable stolen from the Great Northern Telegraph Co. at Blue Pool Road, this morning admitted a previous conviction and was sentenced by to six months' imprisonment.

EARLIER INDEPENDENCE FOR PHILIPPINES

Washington, To-day.

The question of advancing the date of complete independence of the Philippines, as asked in a newspaper interview by President Manuel Quezon, might arise during the forthcoming conversations between United States Government officials and the Philippine Mission.

So stated the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday.

The opinion that President Quezon's proposal that the prospective United States-Philippine trade pact might be accompanied by a grant of

REPLY TO BRITAIN BELIEVED TO OFFER STRONG OBJECTIONS

Berlin, To-day.

Although Germany's reply to the British Locarno memorandum will probably be presented to-day it is not expected to appreciably advance negotiations towards a western pact.

THE NOTE WILL PROBABLY CONTAIN THE OBJECTION THAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE ARE NOT WILLING TO RELEASE BELGIUM FROM THE ONE-SIDED LOCARNO PACT, THOUGH HERR HITLER HAS GIVEN A GUARANTEE TO BELGIUM, THE NETHERLANDS AND SWITZERLAND IN VARIOUS GUISES.

ANOTHER OBJECTION WILL PROBABLY BE THAT THE FRANCO-SOVIET PACT IS STILL IN EXISTENCE.

BOTH OBJECTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE REMOVED BEFORE ANY PROGRESS COULD BE MADE TOWARDS A WESTERN PACT.

A semi-official communique emphasises that a western pact must be purely a western pact.

Germany would not make objections to this provided that various European Powers abolished the principal of military assistance to one another, and strove for honest peace guarantees.

The communique does not define what Germany would consider honest peace guarantees, says Reuter.

Trans-Ocean says that presentation of the German reply to the British Government's memorandum of November last would not exactly be welcome to British official quarters at the present moment.

"Inopportune"

The assertion repeated in the British newspapers recently that a reply from Germany is not to be expected for the time being, is evidently inspired by the fear that Germany might give a reply at a moment which would be regarded as inopportune by the British Government.

Britain, it is pointed out in Berlin, has not yet found a satisfactory answer to the question of what should be Belgium's future status in the new western pact.

The fact that not even the outlines of a new western pact can yet be discerned, although a full year has passed since Herr Hitler announced Germany's willingness to co-operate in a general European settlement, causes the political correspondent of the "Dien aus Deutschland" to examine the situation which existed when Germany revoked the Locarno Pact.

French And Soviet

The correspondent points out that at that time there was hardly anything left of the original contents of the Locarno Pact. Even its spirit had vanished.

By conclusion of a pact with the Soviet, France had violated the spirit and letter of the original Locarno, while Britain, which was the only guarantor under the original pact, had expressed the wish that British security should be guaranteed under the Pact.

Granting of this request, he says, would have completely altered Italy's obligations as defined in the original Locarno Pact.

Belgian Anxiety

Anxiety which close French co-operation with Russia had caused in Belgium, compelled the latter to take a step which was not provided for in the Locarno Pact, namely to declare its complete neutrality.

After citing these facts the correspondent stresses that Germany does not object to conclusion of a new western pact, providing of course that the new pact is really nothing but a western pact, which means, in effect, that Russia would not be included in any understanding, and that France would be required to terminate her treaty with the Soviet.

The correspondent, however, expresses the opinion that it is not likely that a western pact can be concluded as long as Britain and France are not willing to agree to alteration of Belgium's neutrality status.

Japan's New Gesture

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

"JAPAN RESPECTS THE INDEPENDENT POSITION OF CHINA AND MONGOLIA"

This was the announcement made in the Lower House by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Sato, in reply to an interpellation this morning.

He hoped that negotiations with China would progress on the basis of full understanding, China expressing her apprehensions and Japan elucidating her claims.—Reuter.

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"He wants safety, companionship and to be able to trust implicitly.

"Judy, I know how afraid you are of me becoming indifferent. I know that many of our quarrels you stage just so that I shall have to make fresh protestations of my love for you at the reconciliation.

"I wish you wouldn't do it, Judy. It makes me hate you sometimes for making me make a fool of myself. Marriage ought to have more dignity than that. I know it would only humiliate you if I were to tell you this—and I wouldn't do that for the world.

"Another thing I wish I could tell you—a thing you wouldn't understand.

"You are embarrassingly afraid of growing old, Judy. When you throw your parties of hysterical youngsters—with you the most hysterical and youthful of them all—it sometimes makes me squirm inside.

"Because, Judy dear, I have a

sneaking fear that if you can't reconcile yourself to being thirty, you mayn't recognise your fortieth birthday either. And, Judy, I should so hate people to laugh at you.

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"Please believe that I appreciate the way you keep yourself so smart, dear. I do not think I flatter myself in thinking part of it, at least, is for my benefit.

"But Judy, I would so much love a little real companionship in addition to the creams and face packs.

"You are busy with your manicure box at the moment, carefully varnishing each pretty nail.

"I know that a manicure is essential, but the box always seems to appear when I am craving a quiet evening by the fire talking to you—about our future, our home, our children.

"And that's another thing that I'd like to tell you about; but somehow I can't.

"Why are you sometimes so resentful of the children? Occasionally, you act as if you were almost jealous of them. Are you afraid they age you—tie you down to reality when you want to be free?

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"It is so silly of you, Judy. Be-

cause the times you seem to me most beautiful are the times when I surprise you with little Betty on your lap and Johnny sitting at your feet, their faces serious and delighted alternately at the story you are reading to them.

"You are so possessive, darling. You demand every moment of my spare time, every scrap of my attention.

"I love you very much. But I do wish you'd realise that I can't be dancing attendance on you all the time; that I need male society sometimes for a change.

"Why, when I go out with my friends, or bring them home, do you behave as if I were neglecting you? Not only does it embarrass my friends, but it makes me feel a fool as well.

"Once I used to feel that your jealousy of me was flattering. But need you be so silly now?

"It makes me feel that you treat me as a child, and that in itself has sometimes made me feel the desire for other women's company."

If only I could tell Judy all these things it would save her so many heartaches. But she wouldn't understand.

In some ways she's one of the most unreasonable people I know.

I suppose that's one of the reasons why I love her so much.

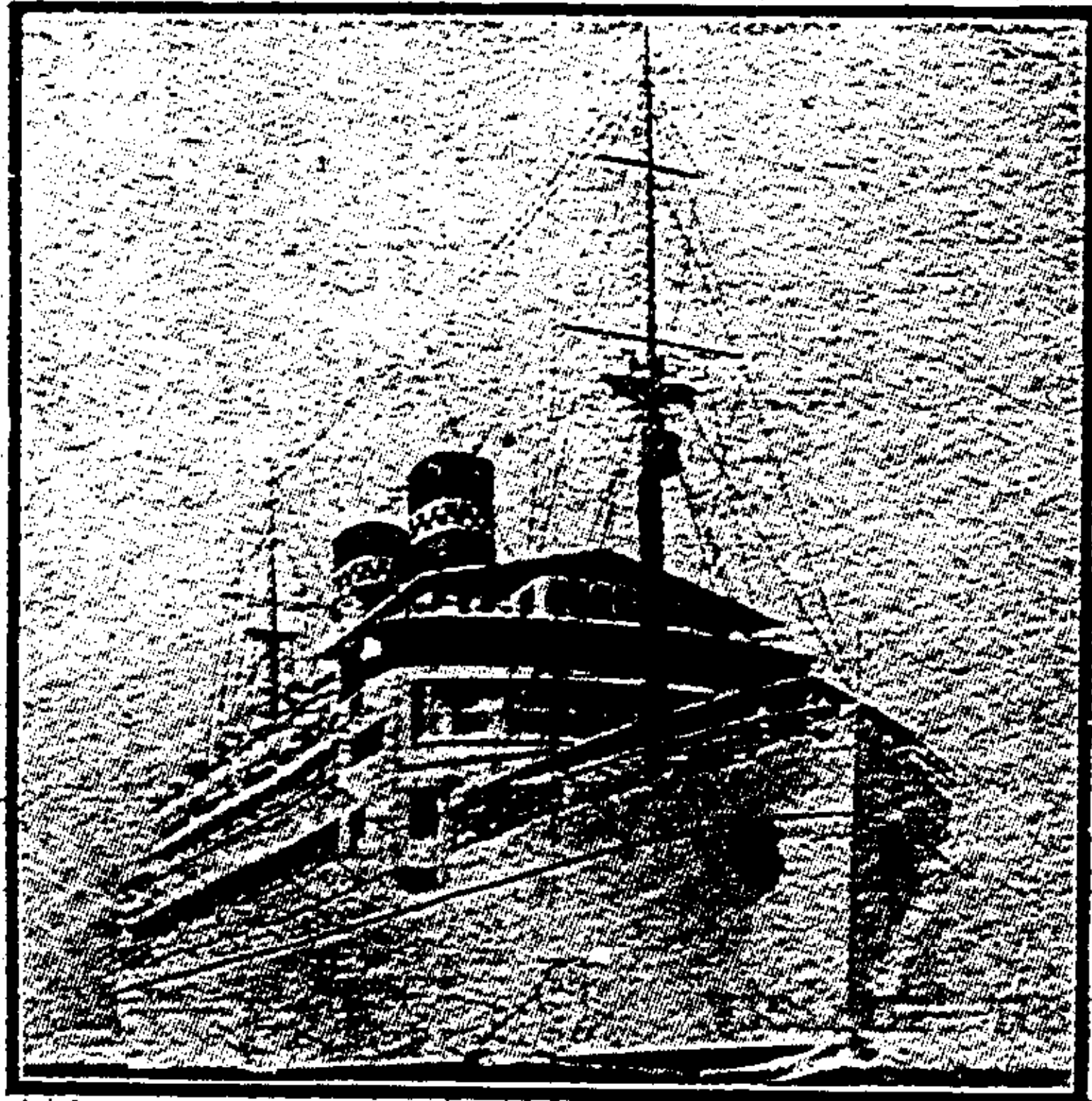


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ALL RUSSIANS IN SPAIN RECALLED?

EUROPEAN LADY KNOCKED DOWN BY SNATCHER

Chief Detective-Inspector J. Murphy appeared before Mr. W. Schofield this morning in connection with a case in which two earth-coolies were charged with snatching the hand-bags of European ladies in Barker Road recently.

Wu Pong pleaded guilty to snatching the hand-bags of Mrs. E. H. Williams on February 22; and of Mrs. B. Elliot on March 7, while Tsui Hang admitted aiding and abetting.

Inspector Murphy said that Mrs. Williams's bag was snatched and passed to the other defendant.

Little violence was used. In the other case, Mrs. Elliot was knocked to the ground and a struggle ensued. She received injuries to her knees.

At an identification parade neither complainant was able to identify the men but they admitted the charges.

A remand for 24 hours was ordered.

LORRY DRIVER CHARGED

Tsoi Fei, a lorry driver, who was committed last Thursday to the Criminal Sessions on a charge of manslaughter, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy in answer to two other charges, it being understood that the court is not indicting defendant at the sessions.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan for the defendant, said that the two charges of driving without due care and caution and with overloading were adjourned *sine die* and now submitted that in the first charge he had no case to answer but pleaded guilty to the last charge.

Mr. Schofield said that as defendant was unable to stop it seemed that he could not have had the lorry under his proper control and was driving without care and caution.

Mr. Kwan then contended that it was more a matter of judgment and in this case was an error, as to whether he should stop or swerve to avoid an accident.

Driving Too Fast For Safety

Mrs. M. Bell, of Stanley Terrace, was fined \$40 by Mr. W. Schofield this morning for driving without due care and caution in Hennessy Road on March 1. Mr. Bell pleaded guilty on behalf of his wife. Traffic-Sergeant Youe said he followed defendant's car at nearly 40 miles an hour. As there were pedestrians about, he considered it dangerous.

London Coronation Hospitality

London, To-day. At official instance, a committee including representatives of Government departments, the Dominions offices and a number of private societies, has been formed, with General Sir Samuel Wilson as Chairman, for coordinating the private hospitality of overseas visitors during the coming summer. British Wireless.

Startling Report Of Abandonment Of Assistance

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Lisbon, To-day.

The sensational statement is published in the Lisbon newspapers that the Soviet Ambassador to Spain has ordered all Russians to leave Madrid.

ONLY A FEW SOVIET SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN WILL BE LEFT BEHIND IN THE BESIEGED SPANISH CAPITAL, AND THE NEWS IS BELIEVED TO FALL INTO THE GENERAL PICTURE OF THE PRESENT STATE OF MADRID CAUSED BY THE INCREASED FOOD SHORTAGE AND THE RELENTLESS PRESURE OF THE REBELS.

The newspapers allege that the information was obtained from deserters from the Valencia forces, who had been taken prisoner by the insurgents.

Further reports state that severe food riots have broken out in Madrid, in which it is alleged that machine-guns were turned on the mob, killing 87 and wounding 136.

Meanwhile Premier Largo Caballero has made another of his fighting speeches, this time in a statement to the Valencia correspondent of the "Temps".

On To The End

"We shall fight on to the very end," he declared, "and shall import all the arms we possibly can regardless of the consequences."

Senor Caballero denied rumours of a split in the Government and expressed confidence in the ability of the loyalist troops to save Madrid.

"We can hold out for months and even take the initiative," was his view of the military situation.

Meanwhile the rebels are still hurling their legions against the loyalist positions in the Guadalajara sector.

Insurgent Claims

The attack here is being carried out from three points and insurgent headquarters claim that the attackers are now within seven miles of Guadalajara itself.

A message from Helsingfors states that a Finnish cargo steamer was stopped in the Straits of Gibraltar by a rebel warship and ordered to proceed to Ceuta.

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TERMS OF FRENCH DEFENCE LOAN

Paris, To-day.

The new French defence loan will be issued in bonds of denominations of five hundred, one thousand, ten thousand and a hundred thousand francs.

Dating from March 1, the loan will be issued at a rate of 490 francs for a nominal value of 500, repayable by drawing only after five years.

For the purpose of the loan, a 1,000-franc bond will be equal to 187 shillings or US\$45.66. For six-monthly coupons 22.50 francs will equal 4/2d or US\$1.03.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

Subscription for the Defence Loan will open to-morrow and will close on March 25.

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It is understood that the Ministry of Finance is publishing a fixed rate between the franc, dollar and sterling for the purpose of the loan.

There will also be a variable rate between the French and Swiss francs and between the Swiss franc and sterling and the dollar.—Reuter.

Buckingham Palace Party

London, To-day.

The King and Queen gave the first party of their reign at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

The 100 guests who attended consisted of members of the Diplomatic Corps.—Reuter.

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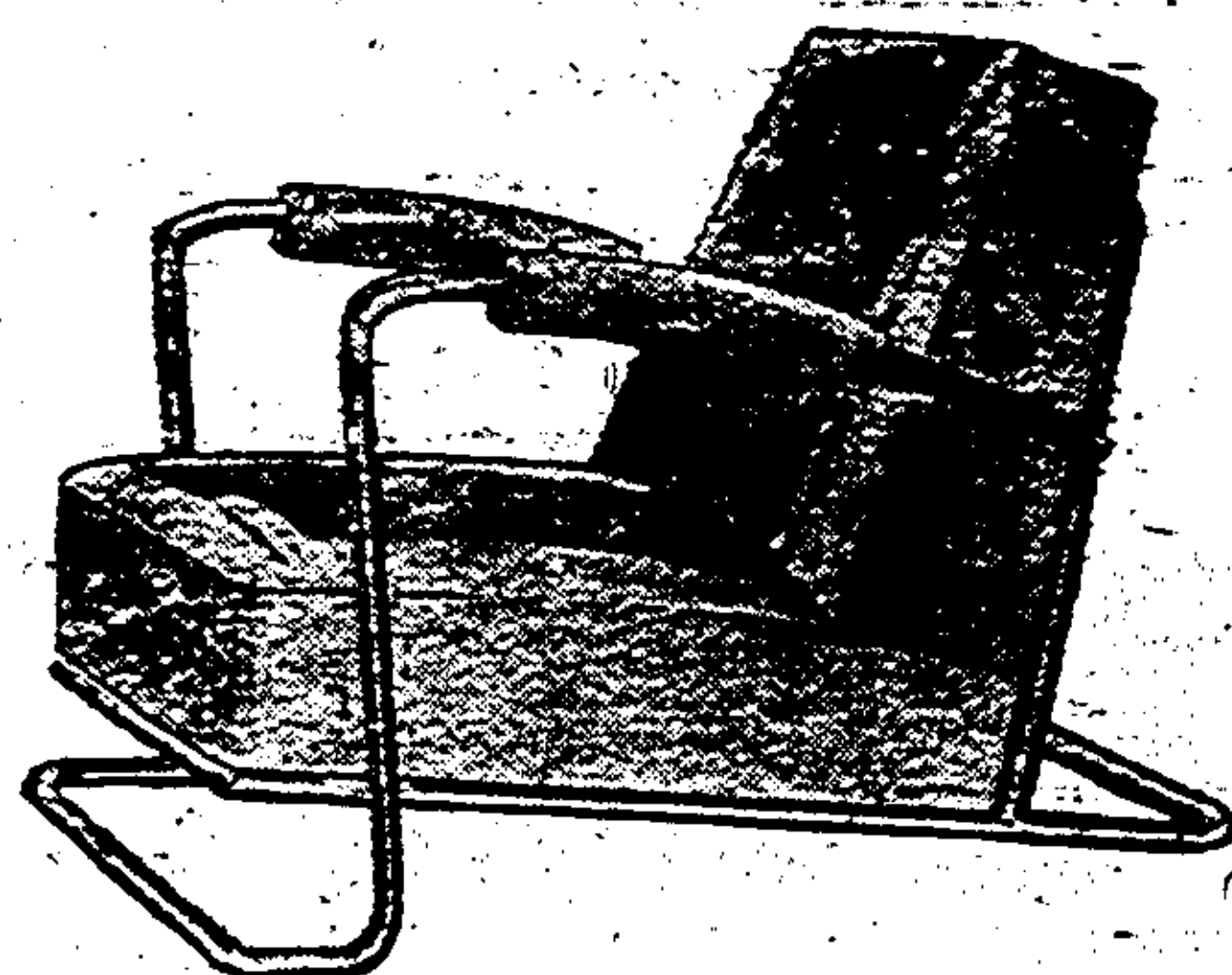
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INDIA'S ELECTIONS

The All-India Congress will find itself in a quandary when it meets to discuss the election situation next week. Although the full results of the elections to the Indian Provincial Legislatures have not been made known to Hong Kong it is clear that the predicted difficulties in handling an electorate of 35,000,000 have not been realised. Everywhere the electors have shown both interest and enthusiasm. In many provinces, the Indian National Congress has won a majority. In Bengal the Mahomedans have an absolute majority, provided that the three groups in the community can find ground on which they can combine. Hitherto they have shown the capacity of the old English Liberal party for quarrelling about programmes and persons, and in all probability the first Ministry will see a coalition of Moslems and Independent Hindus. In the Punjab the Mahomedans are assured of power, as they are in the North-West Provinces and Sind. Congress has now to face a dilemma imposed upon it by its own electoral tactics. In those provinces where it has won the day there will be a strong disposition on the part of its leaders to take office. Whether they are to do so or not will be decided at a conference that Pandit Nehru has called for next week. There he will seek to obtain a national decision binding upon those tempted by the prospect of power. Should the ruling be against office and be accepted the Constitution will not break down. On the contrary there be the spectacle in India of provinces mainly Islamic with an orderly popular Government, and others, where the Hindus predominate, in which there will be obstruction and refusal to co-operate. That situation must speedily bring to an end the wrecking tactics of those who claim to stand for a progressive India. Insistence on absolute non-co-operation is more likely to split Congress into its diverse elements than to convince the world that a Constitution that is a practicable instrument in half the provinces of India cannot be worked elsewhere.

A Free Trade Move

Thanks to the initiative of Dr. Collin, Premier of the Netherlands, the movement in Scandinavia and the Low Countries towards freeing trade promises hopefully. The hope that lies behind this movement is that with the general agreement between the seven countries that were parties to the Oslo Convention of 1930 something bigger

may be achieved. The Oslo convention contained a protocol whereby the contracting parties agreed to support all international efforts to reduce impediments to trade. But, apart from the fact that this convention was concluded at the onset of the depression, the refusal of the British Government to waive its most-favoured-nation rights defeated the attempt to lower trade barriers. It is therefore obvious that for the new arrangement to have any chance of real success, the British Government must express a willingness either to participate or to relax its claims, provided, of course, that the countries concerned will refrain from enforcing their rights in similar circumstances.

American assistance will also be needed to secure the making of this low-tariff group, and it may be hoped, therefore, that Mr. Runciman and Mr. Roosevelt found time to discuss the matter during their meeting at Washington. Moreover, Britain has a heavy responsibility for the present restrictive system in Denmark because of the unnecessary quotas imposed by us on her bacon and dairy products. Therefore, if the blessings of freeing trade which are now so frequently praised by our Ministers have any real meaning to them, it behoves the Government on every ground to contribute what it can to the realisation of this low-tariff group and to follow the example:

Mr. Baldwin

London's political prophets have wished a peerage upon Mr. Stanley Baldwin and have "resigned" him, the decision to take effect in the week following the Coronation.

Mr. Baldwin himself has always declared that he would choose his own time — and that after repeated predictions in strain similar to that unofficially announced on Wednesday.

There may be some surprises in store yet.

Plenty of political precedent exists for delay and reconsideration in this matter of a distinguished politician's own time. The great Mr. Gladstone, for example, was always proclaiming, with abundant references to the contiguous "tomb," that his time was close at hand. He would then return, a fiercer fighter than ever, and fight on.

It may be so with Mr. Baldwin. Many old hands in politics hope that it will be so, because, when one famous politician departs, it by no means follows that his successor will be any more successful than he.

Says the cynical old hand: "We know the worst. Let us be careful not to get somebody worse than the worst we know."

Patrician Of Basle

Now in Warsaw, introducing himself to Polish Government leaders, Prof. Carl Jacob Burckhardt, the new Danzig High Commissioner, is well suited for a post that now has a purely decorative character.

Dr. Burckhardt, as the "c" in his name indicates, belongs to the small but exclusive aristocracy of Basle. These former patricians of that city live in the St. Alban Vorstadt quarter, and hence are known as "die Dalben." He is a man who is on good terms with everybody — not excluding the Nazis.

In this odd inversion of the practice of sending a proxy to war is an idea to end all war.

Twins Of War

MR. FOSTER took the evening paper from the butler, and found it folded with black headlines showing. Though he read them from habit the news had been his for hours. When you make munitions faster than anyone else you are close to those who first hear things, and that forty thousand were dead or wounded since he had opened his last and largest factory, that the "operation had been only a partial success" did not surprise him.

He dropped the paper into his lap and glanced up. The butler, Mings, was standing by the window where he had just drawn the curtains. Big chap Mings. Pity, Mr. Foster thought, that he was old. He'd look grand in a Foster-made uniform, squatting behind one of those new Foster super-machine guns. Men would count with those babies. The enemy, strangely, had identical arms, made from identical patents. This Mings, though, was old. Mr. Foster said—"Pity we can't get into it, Mings. You regret it, too, eh?" "I fought once, sir," Mings said, gravely. "The war to end wars, sir. That'd be near twenty years ago. I have a son in this one, sir."

"Indeed. Proper spirit. Where is he?"

"Navy, sir—escort work on a destroyer."

"Hm." Mr. Foster's memory fixed on another despatch which he had been privileged to see that evening—one not yet given to the press. Yet, even now, newsboys were crying another extra. Mr. Foster said, from force of habit, "Get me one Mings." Mings went out. Mr. Foster picked up the paper on his lap. There was something on the front page his omniscience had missed.

Ladderly Missing. Shell conference postponed.

"So," Mr. Foster softly whistled. Ladderly—likely as not sneaking around to get a hog's share of the shell contracts. And of course, since Mr. Foster's giant firm had picked up the job of building those last five destroyers from under Ladderly's nose, Ladderly would walk warily. But Mings was back, grave of face. He said, gripping the new extra edition firmly, "There was—a telephone message, sir, before you came in. This war, sir, it made me forgetful."

"Yes, yes. Quite all right." Mr. Foster said, impatiently. After all, though, when you see a war coming and quietly, a year or so ahead, get me into the car—then shove switch to old and draft-exempt servants, you must expect their very not dangerous—yet, why take age to slow 'em down. "What was it, Mings?"

"Mr. Ladderly's been found, sir." Foster followed Mings across the "I thought so. Then he's come back—and he'll have done the dirty there on the back seat. The chauffeur, too, had been reading that extra—at his house, his club. Crawford must know, Mings, and at once. Crawford and I can block this Ladderly. There's millions at stake, Mings. Hurry, hurry! damn Ladderly! I always wondered it!"

But Mings just stood there, looking big. Mr. Foster noted how the telephone seemed tiny in Mings' hand. "Hurry, man."

"If you will give me Mr. Crawford's new address, sir—"

"New?" Mr. Foster snorted, half rising to his feet.

"Mr. Crawford, sir, has recently moved—perhaps an hour ago. This war, sir, we must all make our sacrifices. Mr. Crawford is a casualty."

"I—I dined with the man yesterday—phoned him this afternoon."

"Many men dined last night, sir, who won't to-night. And someone else called Mr. Crawford. You see, sir, his twin of war was killed in the big push yesterday."

"Twin? Damn it Mings are you drunk? Crawford was an only child."

"Not of late, sir. Not since the war started. Mr. Crawford met with—with a glorious fate, sir—at it." the Proving Grounds behind his

factory. They were trying one of those new bombs. He—he got in the way of a premature."

"God!" Foster was on his feet now. His face was white. "It—it might have happened to me, Mings—perhaps with a twelve inch gas shell. I've watched a thousand tried. And the little ants in the streets yap about our lack of patriotism."

"A little ant in the street stopped a bomb much like the one that got Mr. Crawford, sir. The little ant was—overseas. Drafted. Leaves a wife and baby. Mr. Crawford's twin, sir, twin of war."

"You are drunk, Mings." Mr. Foster accused, gratingly. "Leave this room. Pack your things—get out. Or wait—you said Ladderly's come back."

"I can take you to him, sir," Mings said, meekly—or was it drink that muffled his voice. He turned, went to the door, and—

"You—you locked that door?" Mr. Foster babbled. "What's this—murder, Mings?"

"No sir," Mings towered there. Mr. Foster shivered. Deep lines were now etched on Mings' gray face. Mings said—

"I—presumed to order the car, sir. The second chauffeur, Henry. Albert was drafted to-day."

"Good. Take me to Ladderly," Mr. Foster remembered the little handy automatic he kept near his own favourite back seat in the limousine.

He thought, "I'll let this maniac get me into the car—then shove that gun into his ribs. Probably vanta, you must expect their very not dangerous—yet, why take age to slow 'em down. "What was it, Mings?"

The car was at the door. Mr. Foster followed Mings across the "I thought so. Then he's come back—and he'll have done the dirty there on the back seat. The chauffeur, too, had been reading that extra—at his house, his club. Crawford must know, Mings, and at once. Crawford and I can block this Ladderly. There's millions at stake, Mings. Hurry, hurry! damn Ladderly! I always wondered it!"

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The old chauffeur eased the car close to the curb. Mr. Foster said—

"What fool's play is this, Mings?" and groped for the little automatic.

Mings said, "Mr. Ladderly came down just there, sir—where they've washed the sidewalk. Six stories, sir. That's where he came back—then went. His war twin, sir, was an aviator. Only he crashed two thousand feet."

"Damn you—what is this?" Mr. Foster got the gun out. But Henry, the second chauffeur turned, crashed bony wrist against pudgy arm. The gun dropped. Mings kicked it away, put his foot on it. The car slid forward.

Mings said "No more wars, sir. Not with war twins. They'll stop away, put his foot on it. The car slid forward."

"You—you'll swing for this."

"I—I personally have nothing against you, sir, more than against the man who drowned my boy," Mings whispered. "You see, sir, we'd like you to know. Some of us thought the wrong men went to war. So we got together. Humble folk like myself at first, sir. Then

—then some others not too humble. We know who made war and war profits. We gave each of them a war twin—so, you see, sir? If not maimed by shell or torpedo. There was Alton, the big banker, sir."

"Kidnapped," Mr. Foster whispered.

pered.

"Call it prisoner of war, sir, and let it go at that. His war twin did not die—just was captured."

"Mings—Mings." Mr. Foster was a quaking jelly of a man. "There've been other funny things—swift deaths—men disappearing—"

"Exactly, sir—the war brought home to those who stay at home."

"Then—then Crawford—that bomb—not an accident—"

"Henry, here, had the honour of fixing that fuse, sir," Mings answered, as the car swung onto half rotten planking and towards the last street light between it and utter darkness. "Henry's son, sir, was Mr. Ladderly's twin of war. The big push, sir—and a bomb. I would not try to jump, sir. Henry is not—not feeling amiable." And the car slowed by that last light.

"Perhaps you would care to see this, sir," Mings lifted that extra edition of the evening paper, and pointed to a small item.

"Only one destroyer—broke in two, sir—hundred odd-drowned."

Even as the car slid out on the old wharf, as Mr. Foster tautened for a struggle, he remembered something.

Mings had said, back home, a son somewhere. Mings now told him again—

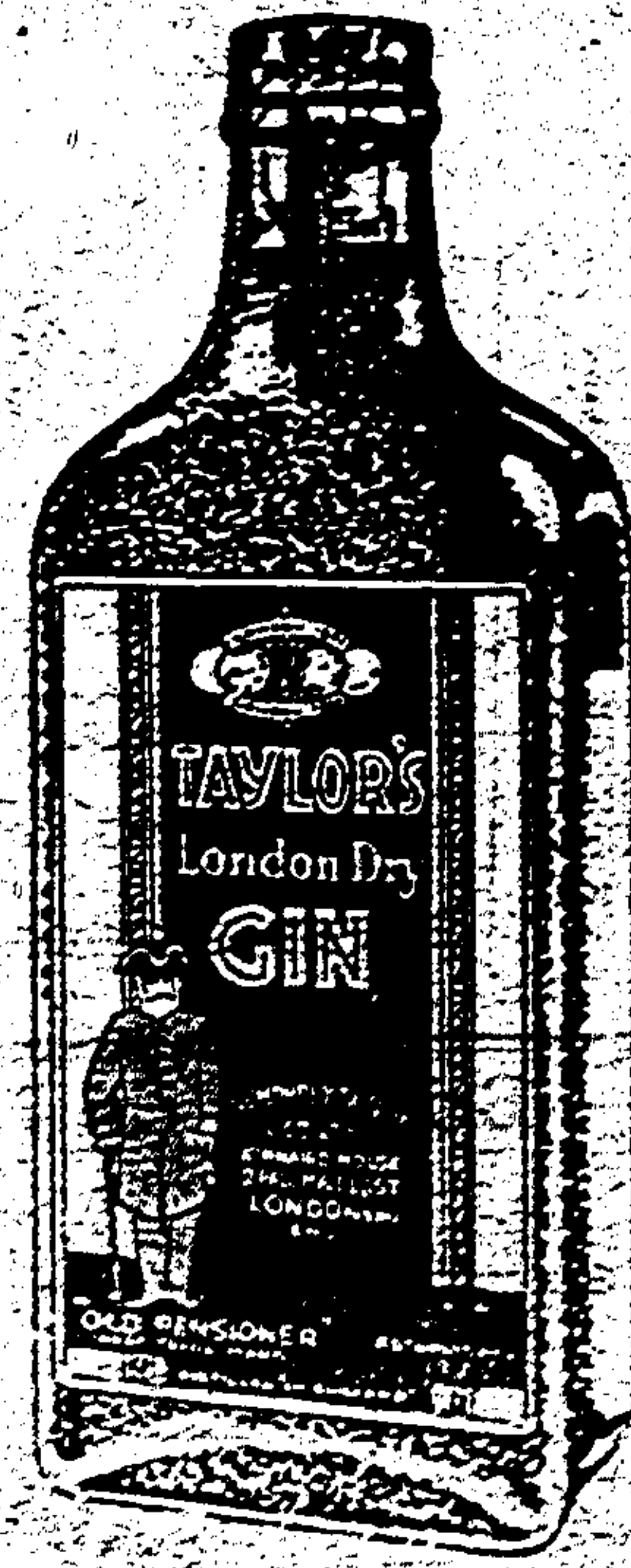
"My son, sir, escort work, on a destroyer. Ship broke her back. They were just—just drowned, sir. Not maimed by shell or torpedo. An easy death, sir. He was your twin of war."

The car stopped and the lights went out. The river sucked hungrily at the wharf.

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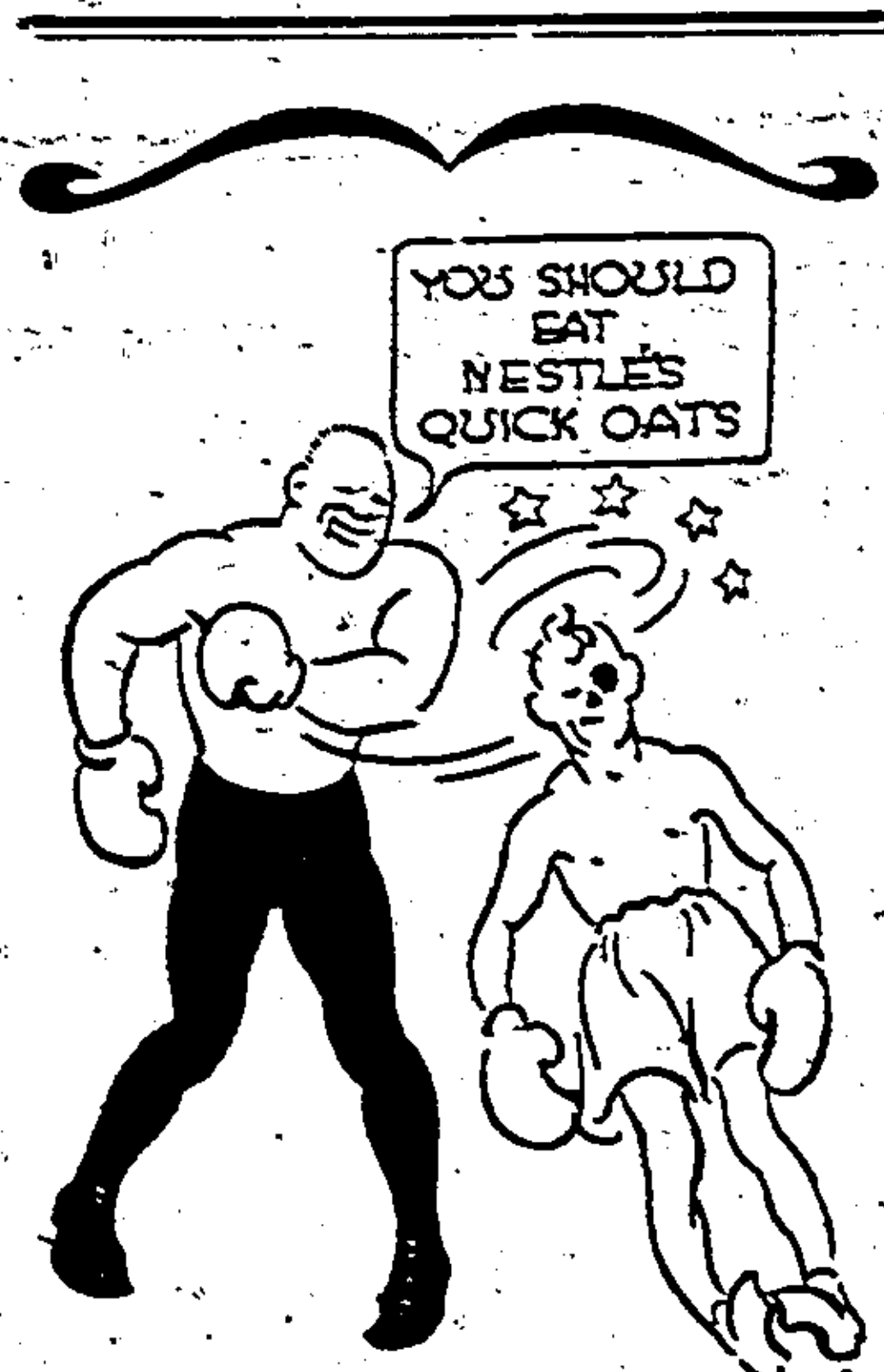
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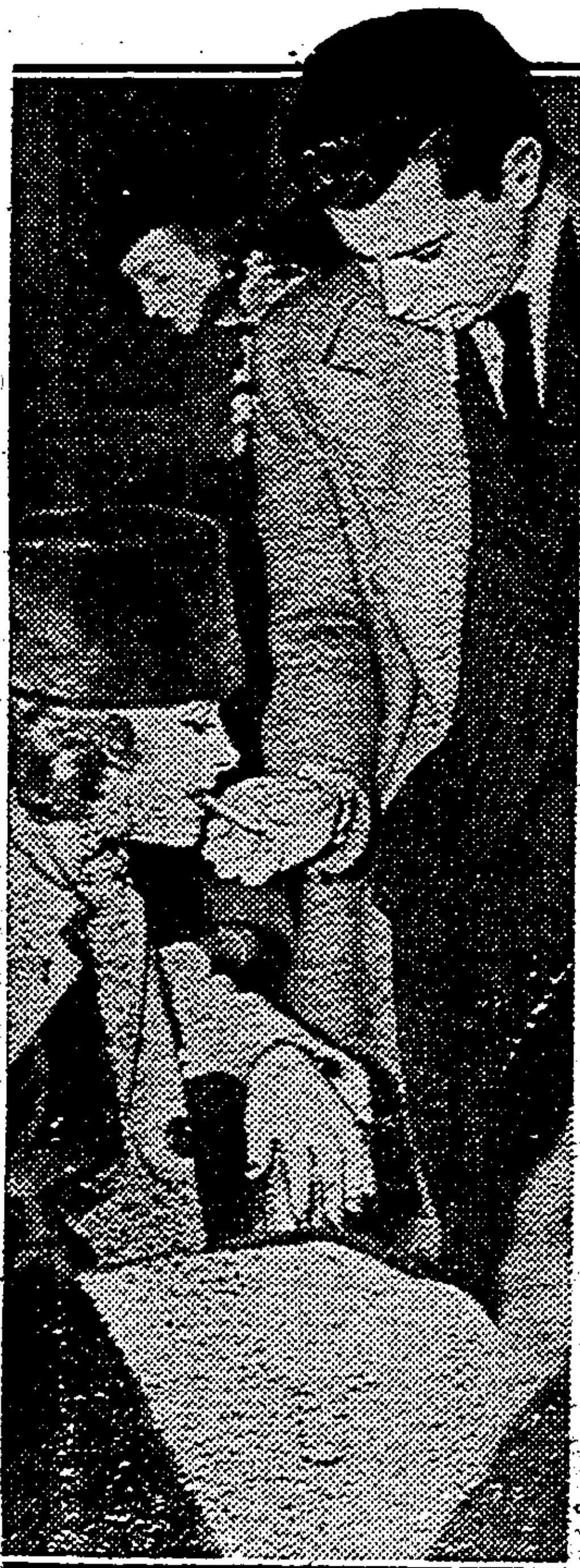
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As regards foreign affairs and defence, stated Mr. Baldwin, the agenda would include examination of the general situation together with any relevant questions of a less general character.

STATUS OF MEMBERS

As to constitutional questions, the particular subjects proposed for consideration were certain matters relating to nationality, treaty procedure, international status of members of the British Commonwealth and the channel of communications between them.

As regards trade, shipping and air communications, the following would be the main heads under which this point would be discussed.

EMPIRE TRADE

1. General review of the progress of Empire trade and questions arising from it.
2. Review of the work of the Imperial economic committee and

3. General questions arising in connexion with shipping policy, including review of the work of the Imperial shipping committee.
4. Civil air communication.

OTTAWA OUTSIDE

It had been generally agreed by His Majesty's Government that any questions arising out of the Ottawa agreements could best be dealt with as occasion offered in separate discussions between individual governments concerned and apart from the Imperial Conference.

It was hoped there would be an opportunity during the Imperial Conference for an exchange of views on the subject of migration within the Empire.

Mr. Baldwin hoped to announce the names of the United Kingdom delegation before the Easter recess.—Reuter.



The Duke of Windsor finally gives way to contentions and permits himself to be taken in the group by Eugene von Rothschild. He allowed only one person to stand with him.



Senor Largo Caballero, the Prime Minister of Spain, with his wife and family. Last week, Senor Caballero was the Dictator on the Leftist side of the fence.



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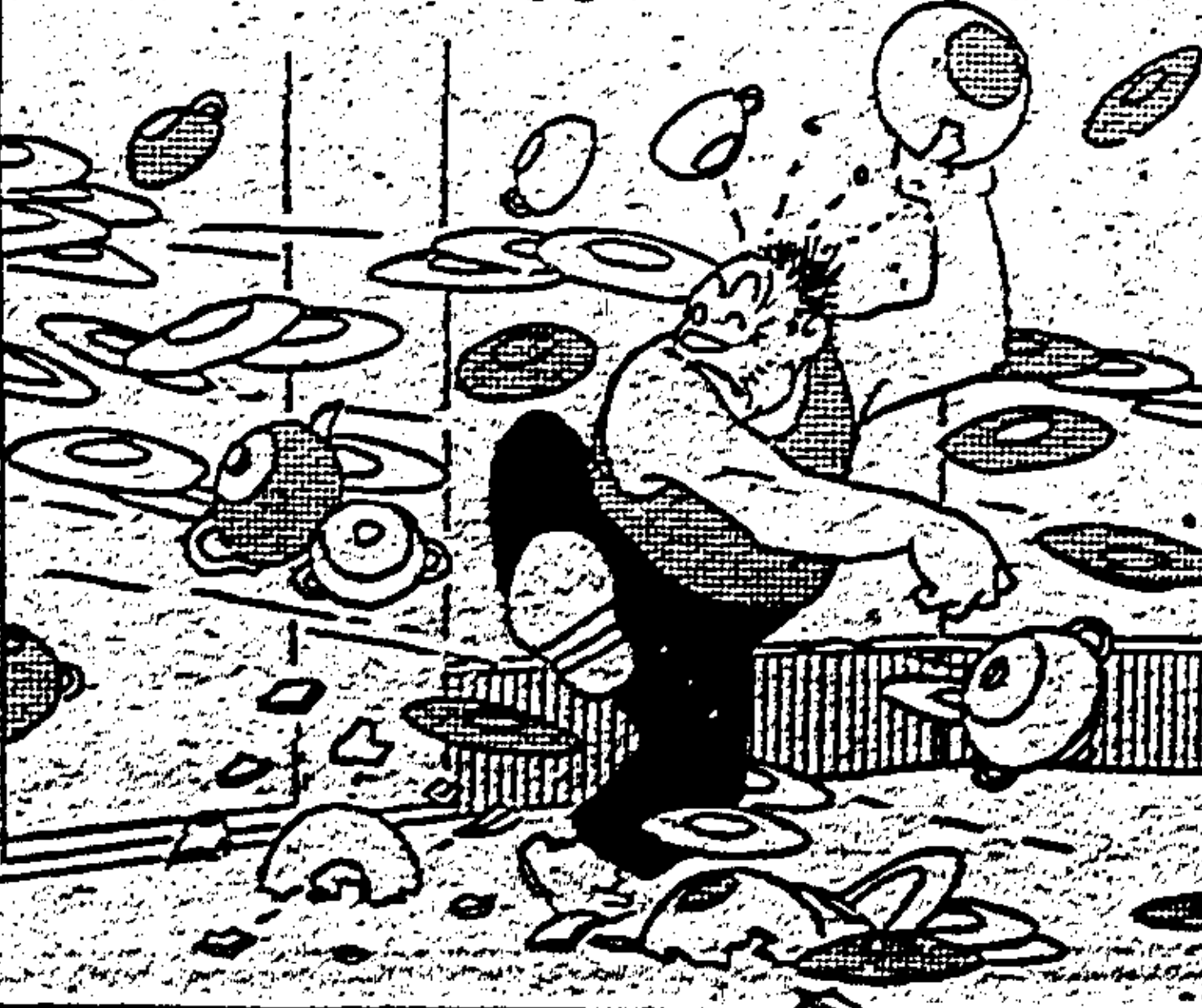
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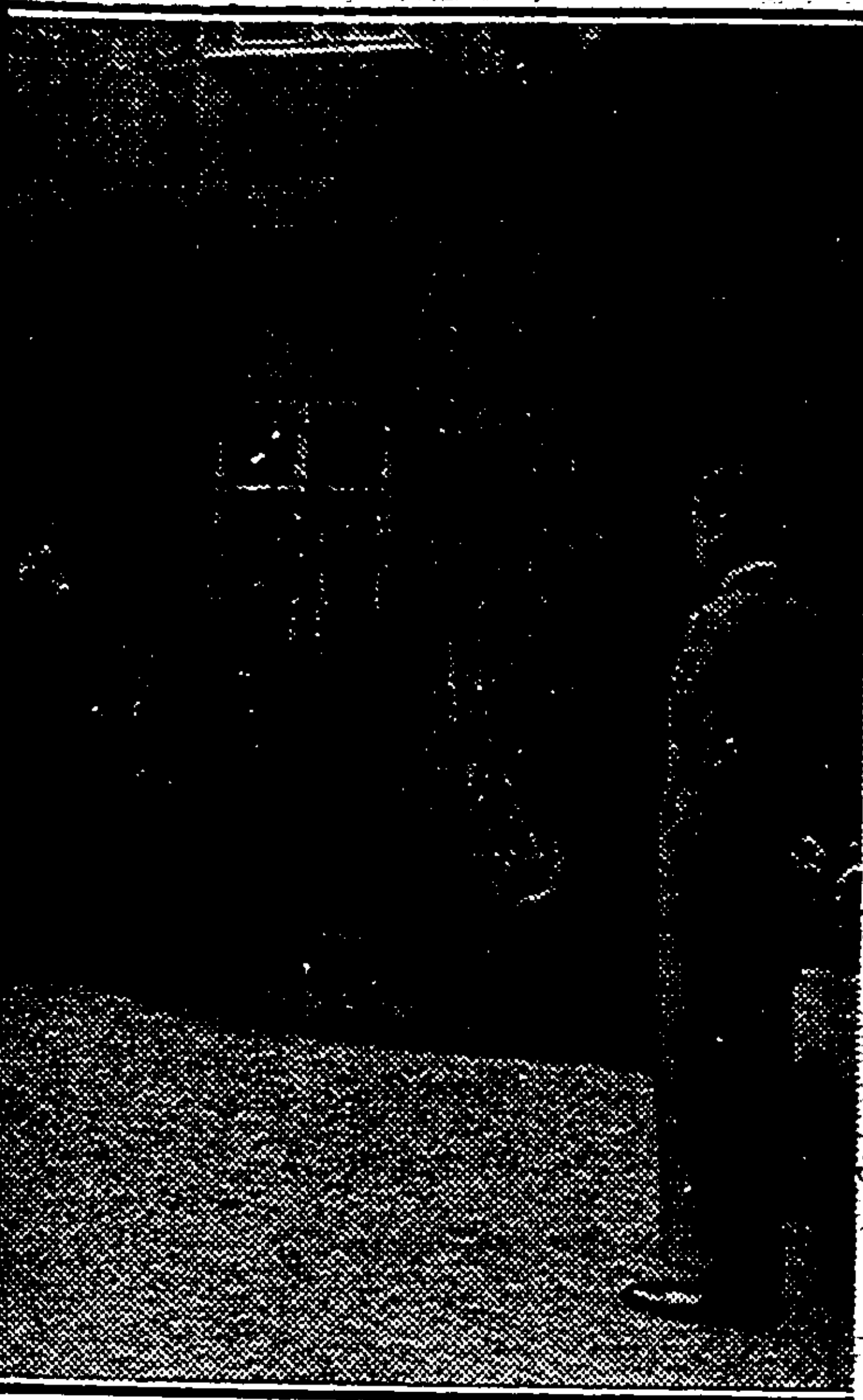
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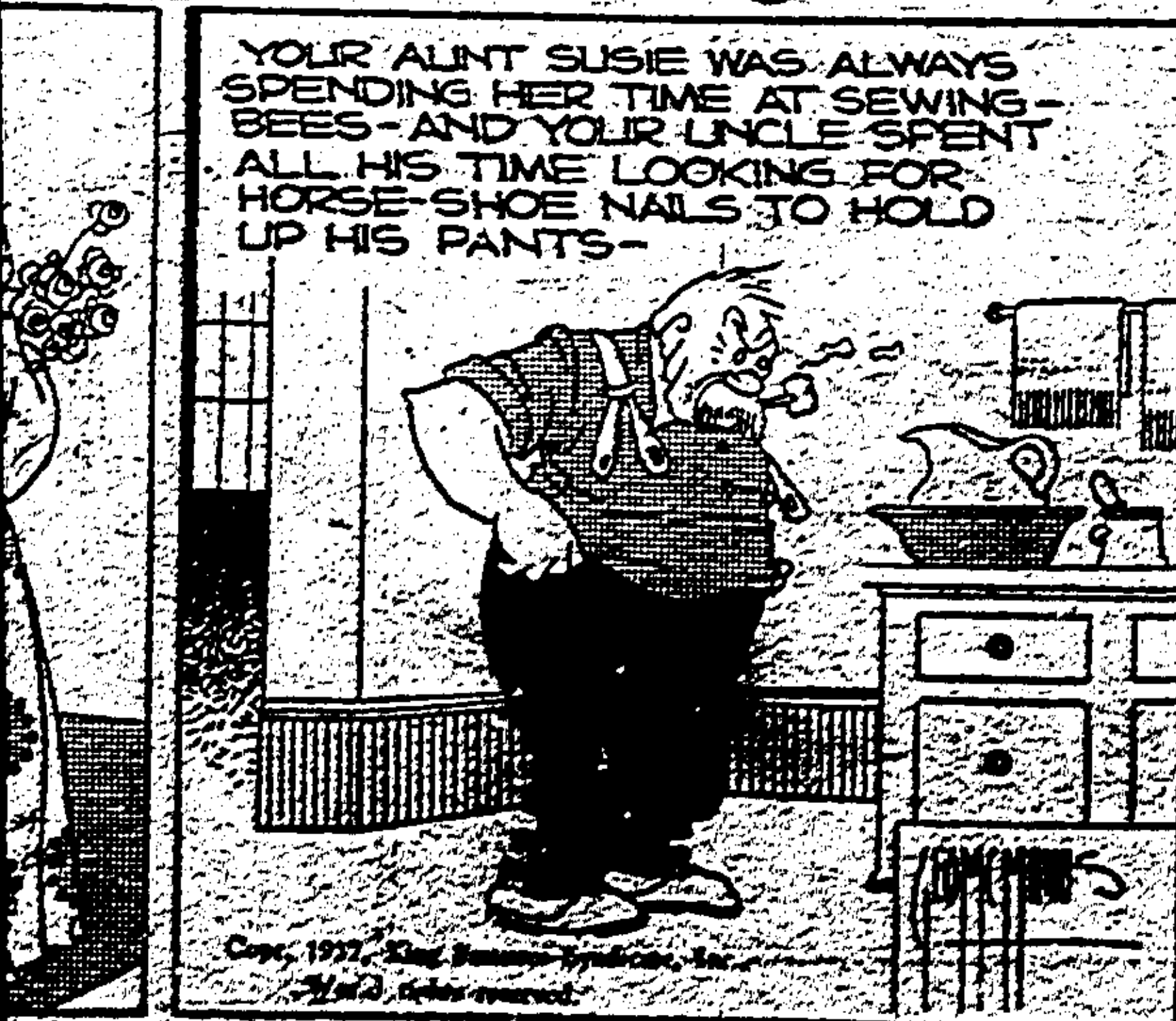


Top picture shows Karl Radek, out-
standing Soviet publicist, who was
sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in
the recent Moscow trial. Below is his
editor, Nicolas Bukharin, who is said
to be under arrest preparatory to a
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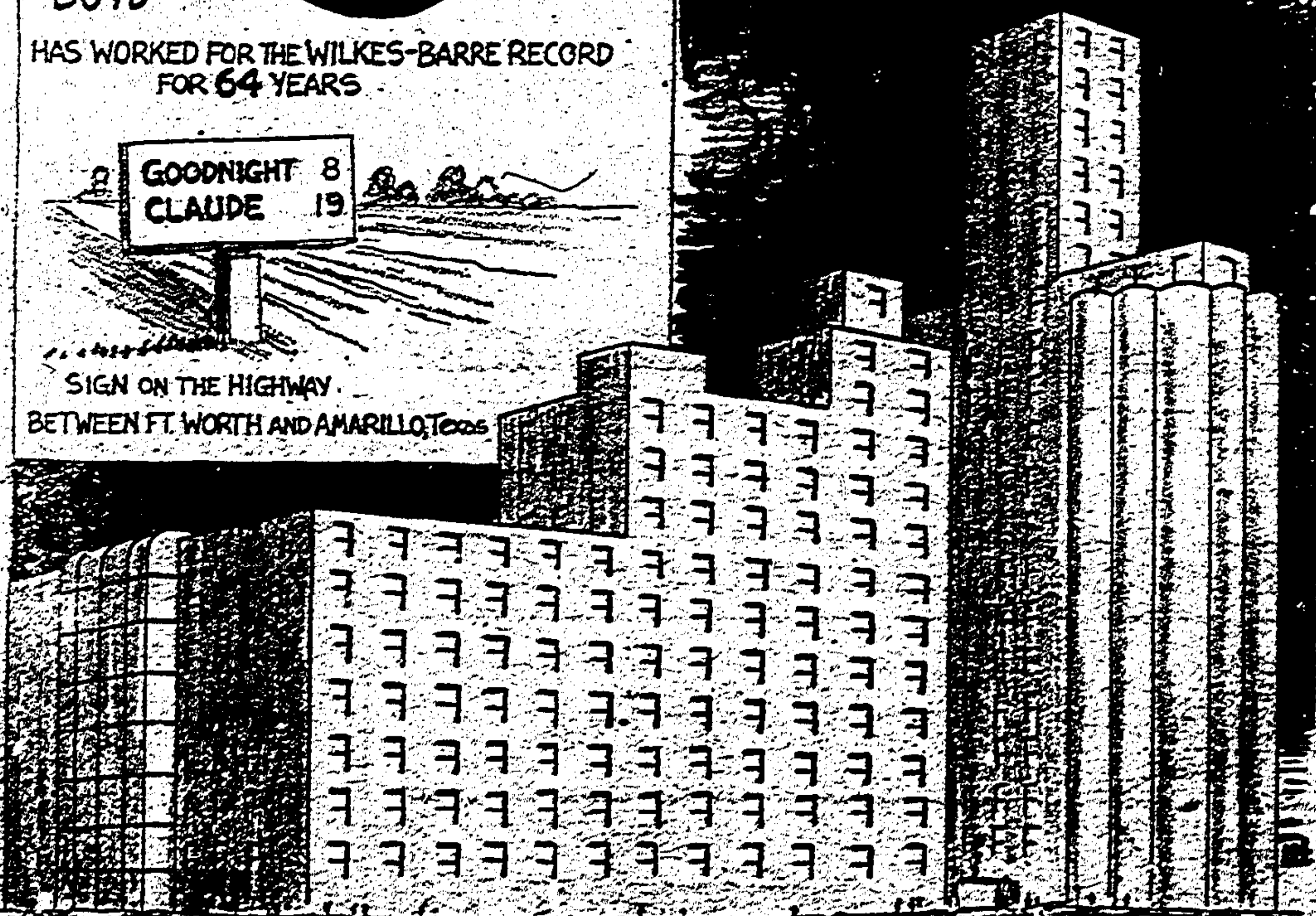
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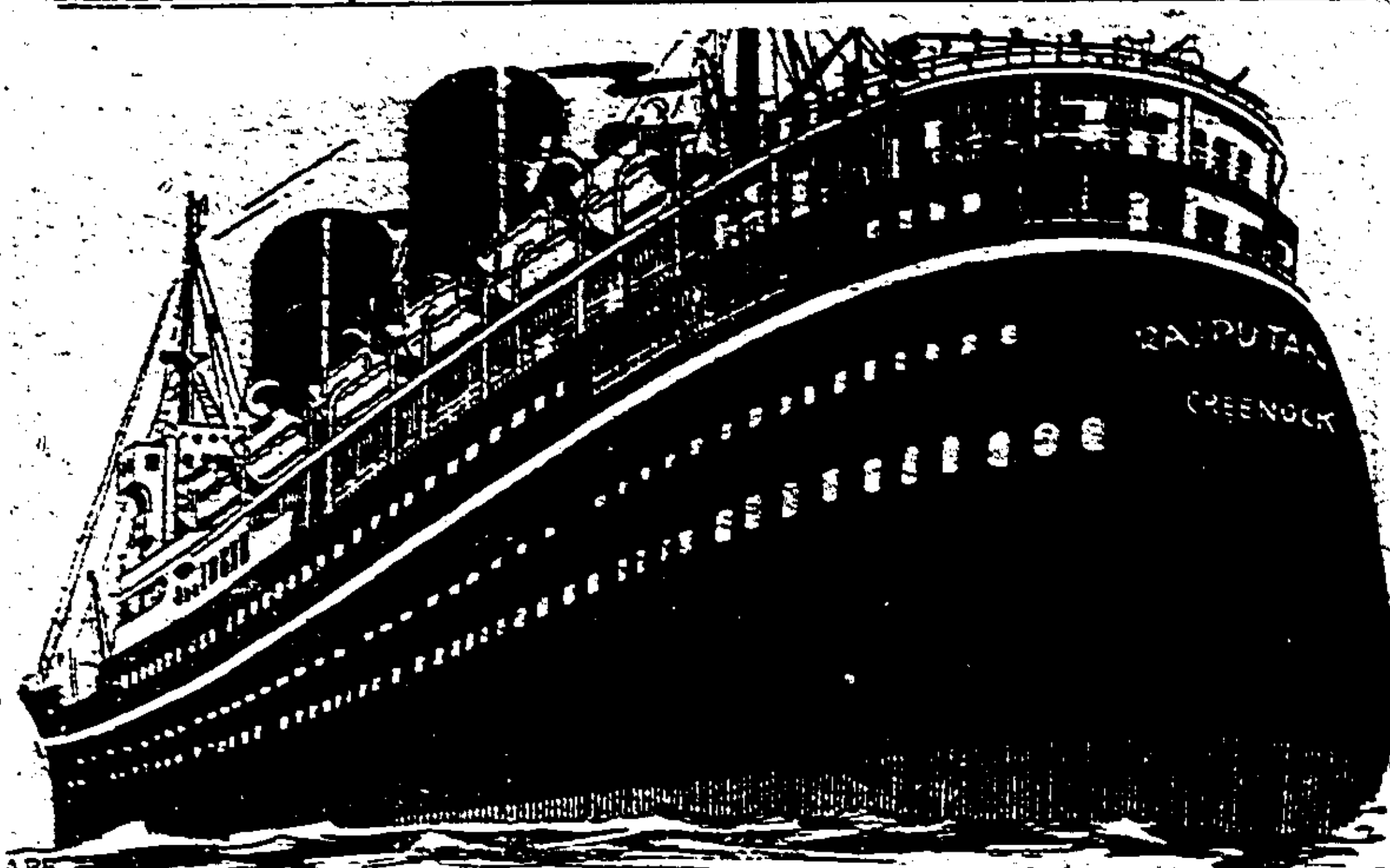
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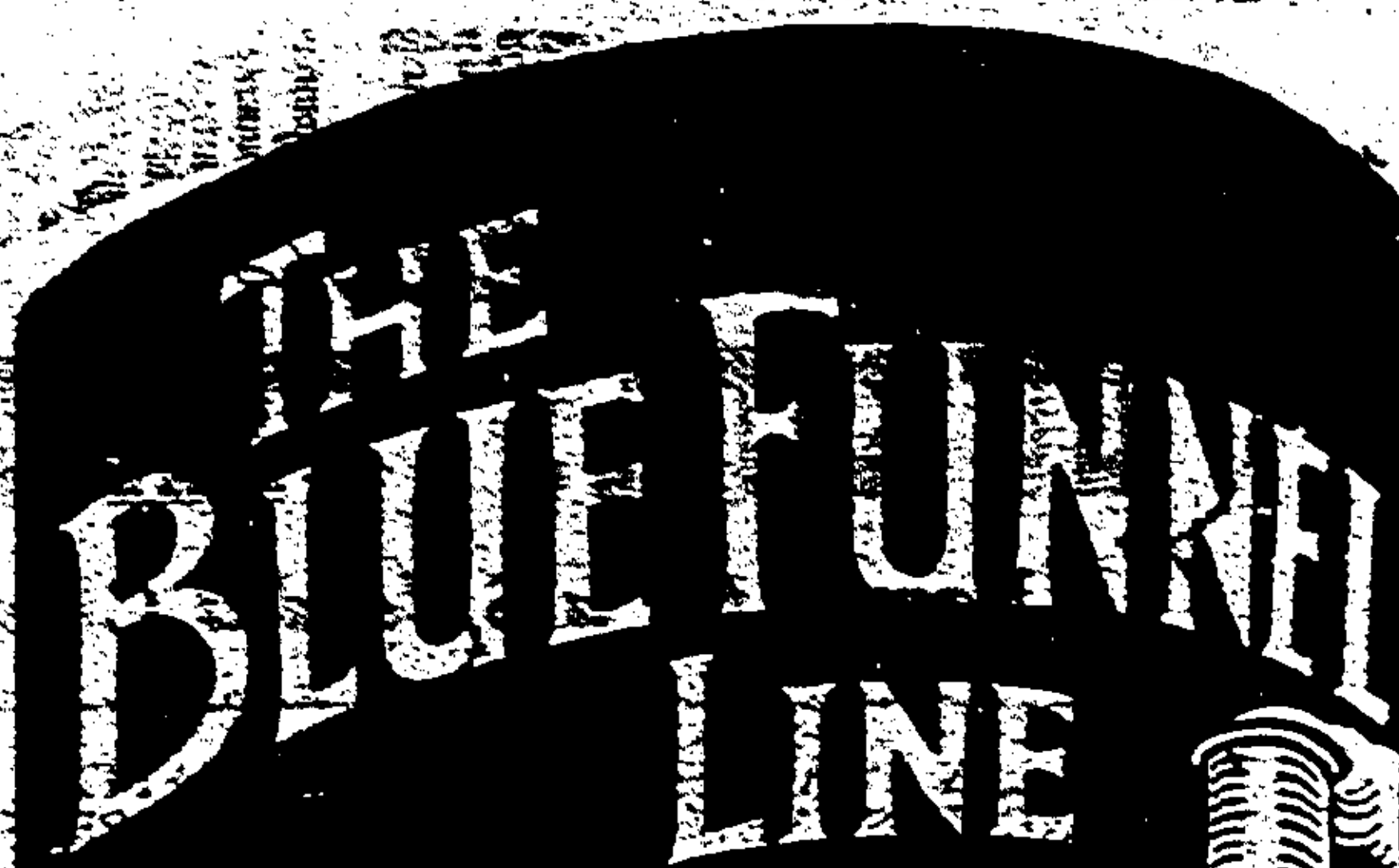
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HITCH IN ATLANTIC AIR SERVICE PARLEYS

London, To-day.

A hitch in the negotiations between Britain and the United States regarding the trans-Atlantic service has occurred, according to the "New York Times."

The newspaper states that the chief difficulty in the present negotiations is the question of a terminal airport in the east of the United States.

Britain wishes Montreal to be the terminal while the United States maintains that New York should be the home port.—Reuter.

U.S.—N.Z. SERVICE

Auckland (N.Z.), To-day.

After consultation with the British and other Empire governments concerned, the New Zealand Government has granted Pan-American Airways an extension to December 31 of the agreement signed in November, 1935.

The agreement permits the corporation to run a service between the United States and New Zealand.

A four-engined Sikorsky plane is ready to start the service and is leaving San Francisco immediately.—Reuter.

Junkers Plane In Shanghai

The German Junkers plane "D-Blue," which arrived at Kai Tak on Wednesday afternoon from Berlin, and took off on Thursday morning at 8 a.m., arrived safely at Lungwha Airport, Shanghai at 2 p.m. yesterday.

The plane will be put in service on one of the lines of the Sino-German "Eurasia" Aviation Corporation.

Among the passengers who arrived in the Colony this morning on the s.s. Empress Of Russia from Vancouver via ports were Mr. and Mrs. Gavin, and Miss Gavin, Mrs. R. and Miss Raven, Mr. T. E. Jackson, Mr. K. Luring and Mr. H. J. Wallem.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1855/1860 sa.

INSURANCES

Union Ins. \$628 b., \$623/630 sa.

H. K. Fire Ins. \$235 b.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$35 b.

H. K. Steamboats \$10 1/2 b., \$10 1/2 sa.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS,

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H. K. and K. Wharves \$115 b.

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Providents (Old) \$180 b., \$185/90 sa.

MINING

Raub's \$13 1/2 b.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H. K. and S. Hotels \$635 b.

H. K. Lands \$33 1/2 b., \$33 1/2 sa.

H. K. Realities \$5 1/2 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways \$14 b., \$13.90 sa.

Peak Trams (Old) \$4 1/2 b.

Star Ferries \$87 1/2 b., \$88 sa.

China Lights (Old) \$13.90 b., \$14/- 14.10 sa.

H. K. Electrics \$57 1/2 b., X Div.

Sandakan Lights \$11.30 b.

Telephones (Old) \$29 1/2 b., \$30 sa.

Telephones (New) \$11.80 b., \$11.80/- 35 sa.

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Cements \$11.70 b., \$11.70/80 sa.

H. K. Ropes \$3 1/2 b.

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Ipo Gold	27 1/2
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Min. Resources	37
Northern Mining	12
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SINGAPORE RAW RUBBER

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co., received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Spot 38 1/2 b. Down 1/2.
Apr.-June 39 b. Down 1/2.
July-Sept. 39 1/2 b. Down 1/2.
Oct.-Dec. 39 1/2 b. Down 1/2.
Market.—Sellers holding off.

Danzig Conference

Warsaw, To-day.

Various economic problems arising from the presence of the Polish minority in Danzig will shortly be discussed by representatives of the Polish and Danzig governments.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW RIDERS FOR PONIES TO-MORROW

Mr. Deitz Will Not Be Available

GORDITO TO BE TAKEN OUT BY MR. PIH DIFFICULT "DOUBLE" COMBINATION

(By "RAPIER")

NOW THAT THE 1937 ANNUAL RACE MEETING IS A MATTER OF THE PAST, INTEREST WILL HENCEFORTH BE CONFINED TO THE EXTRA RACE MEETINGS, THE FIRST OF WHICH IS TO BE STAGED AT THE VALLEY TO-MORROW AND WHICH SHOULD ATTRACT A GOOD ATTENDANCE. SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT MAY BE EXPECTED FROM THE VARIED PROGRAMME OF NINE EVENTS, AND THOUGH THE GRASS TRACK HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN AFFECTED BY RAIN, I DOUBT WHETHER THERE WILL BE ANY APPRECIABLE REVERSAL OF FORM, ALTHOUGH THE MANY CHANGES IN RIDERS ARE BOUND TO LEAVE THEIR MARK.

There was some talk of Mr. D. S. Li being available to-morrow, but I now understand that he will not be able to return in time from his trip to Canton. It was at first rumoured that Mr. F. Marshall had decided to remain in Hong Kong, but he left for Shanghai on Wednesday. It is, however, believed that he may be returning within a couple of months, and will probably be staying here more or less permanently. Mr. Norman Deitz will be leaving to-day on the R.M.S. Empress of Canada for Manila on business, and as Mr. L. G. Frost was seen taking out Rose Evelyn on Wednesday morning, it is surmised that he will don colours on behalf of Mr. Eu Tong-sen to-morrow.

The "Hay And Corn" Stakes: Five Furlongs

The programme opens with a spirit event for China ponies, Subscription Griffins of any season that have not won a race. Rose Evelyn is the obvious choice for a win, but I must suggest caution in this respect as this pony is known for its antics before starting. It has given trouble before, and on one occasion Mr. Deitz was unseated. Over such a short distance, a bad start will prove fatal, and much will depend therefore on Mr. Frost's undoubted ability in getting it off immediately on the rise of the barrier.

I reckon that Racing Boy is the only other pony among the entries to give Rose Evelyn a strong challenge, but, for those who are habitually on the lookout for an outsider, I suggest Copper Idol. If taken out by an experienced jockey, Copper Idol should not be overlooked.

The "Loiterers" Stakes: Seven Furlongs

Our Novice Jockeys will be on view in this race, and they will be called upon to handle the new Griffins that have not won a race. Bob Roy will be ridden by Mr. W. G. Poy, and, in view of its performances at the Annual Meeting when it came third in the Trial Plate, and was only beaten by King's Coronation by a neck in the Griffins Spring Handicap, it should be strongly fancied to win. I think it will do the trick, leaving Centre Forward (Mr. Chin Cheong Fan) and Kum Shan (Mr. S. L. Yuen) to dispute second place.

Laughing Cavalier (Mr. C. T. Kwok) ran third in the Griffins Consolation Stakes and paid a fairly useful dividend. Mr. T. C. Harris will ride Firefly and Mr. Choy Wing-chiu will take out Mr. Osatananda's pony, Vira. Firefly has a nice easy movement, but lacking in stamina, and under Mr.



Mr. L. Dunbar's Mistake Bay, above, may extend Honeymoon Eve, the 1936 Derby winner, in the "All Out" Stakes.

Harris, the leading novice rider, it may do better than one may expect.

The "All Out" Stakes: Six Furlongs

I don't think I shall be far wrong in stating that the ponies to watch in this race are: Honeymoon Eve (Mr. Y. T. Fung), King's Bounty (Mr. K. W. Fung), Mistake Bay (Mr. L. G. Frost) Oak Bay (Mr. W. H. S. Davis) and Rose-Queen (Mr. W. G. Poy).

Honeymoon Eve is my choice, and I think it should win without being fully extended, but Oak Bay is not to be ignored, as this pony can move fast, and the distance is more to its liking.

Mistake Bay did not impress in its last outing, when it came third in the Happy Valley Spring Handicap, but it may do better to-morrow. Rose-Queen is usually a slow starter, and Mr. Poy will

have to do some hard riding if he expects to be anywhere near at the finish.

The Randwick Plate: One Mile

Australian ponies of past and present seasons that have not won a race this year will gather together for this event, and it looks as if the finish will be fought out between four ponies only. Court-ing Eve (Mr. Y. T. Fung) will undoubtedly be made hot favourite, and, on form, it should certainly have no difficulty in winning. Dick Turpin came in second to Llanarmon in the Perth Plate on the second day of the Annual Meeting, and it should fill second place. For the third position, I think Solerina (Mr. S. C. Liang) is the choice, but I recommend keeping an eye on Boronia Belle (Mr. L. P. Ralph).

The Tytam Handicap: "A" Division One Mile

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," and will be contested by winners and placed ponies of this season's subscription griffins. In spite of its heavy burden of 168 lbs. many will still believe that Gordito, which will be ridden by Mr. H. C. Pih, should not experience much difficulty in winning. It will be remembered that this champion sub. carried 165 lbs. in the Sports Club Cup over 1½ miles and won fairly easily. With an addition of only three pounds more and the distance shorter by half a mile, it only stands to reason that Gordito is due for another win.

Mr. Ip Kui Ying will be riding Helephant, and, as it came second in the Subscription Griffins' Champions, I expect to see it repeating its previous success.

Coronation Day (Mr. L. G. Frost) and Pagan Love (Mr. S. C. Liang) are not to be overlooked as ponies likely to upset Gordito, as the distance is only a mile.

The Hong Kong Handicap: "A" Division: 1¼ Miles

This should prove the most interesting race of the day. Bear Claw and Diana Bay are both given top weight of 168 lbs. and at the time of writing I have no information as to which one Mr. Frost will be taking out. I rather believe that, in spite of the heavy burden, Bear Claw should about win, but, due to the length of the race, anything is liable to happen, especially when Cossack's Beauty and Soldier of Britain are likely to start.

After its recent magnificent record-equalling run, Soldier of Britain will be strongly supported, but I am afraid that the extra distance may prove a little too much.

Havoc Eve is also in this race, and it will be interesting to see how it will fare against some of the old stalwarts.

The Tytam Handicap: "B" Division One Mile

To pick the winner of this race, which is the second leg of the "Daily Double," one may just as well put the ponies in a hat and chance to luck in making the bet. The ponies are all unknown quantities, none of them having done anything of note. If Yum Sing (Mr. Black) would only take into its head to run, it would win, but this pony is liable to refuse to run properly and thus be the means of good money going

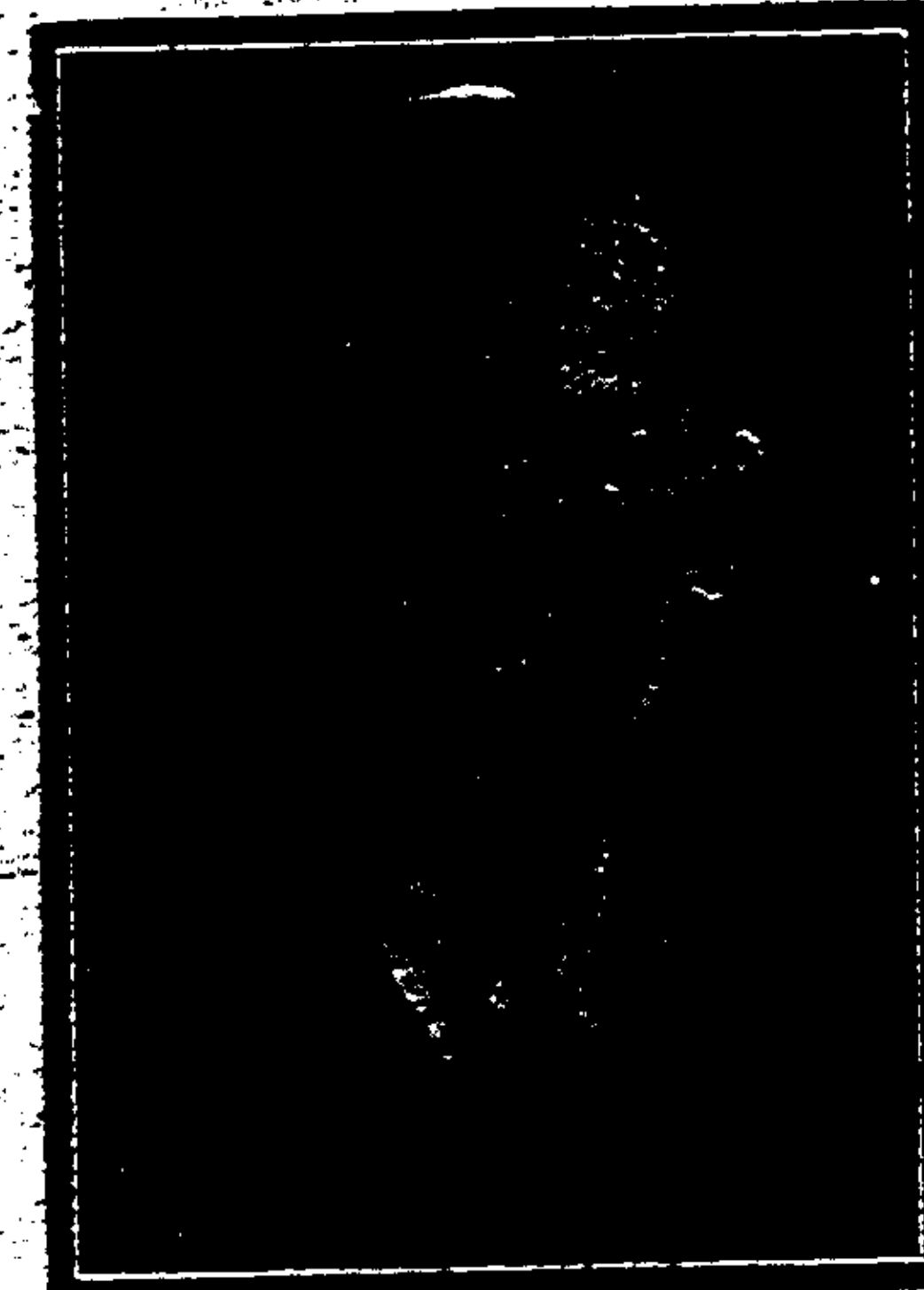


Mr. E. O. Butler left for Home on leave last Wednesday. Though once a well-followed jockey at the Valley, he has ridden very seldom during the last 18 months.

astray. Fendal Knight (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) looks good in appearance, and I think it will give National Faith (Mr. H. C. Pih) a good run for second place, or possibly a win.

The Hong Kong Handicap: "B" Division: 1¼ Miles

To nominate the likely winner in this race is about the hardest thing to do, and all I can do is to suggest the ponies that are capable of winning. Bright View was beaten by Dawn Star by a head in the Chater Cup on the second day over the same distance, whilst New Star, carrying 168 lbs., won the Curragh Handicap over one mile. With only



Mr. Norman Deitz, above, will not be seen in the saddle to-morrow, as he has had to make a business trip to Manila.

143 lbs. to shoulder, Jungle Jim may prove dangerous, with Soldier of Peace (Mr. S. C. Liang) also having a say in the matter.

New Star is undoubtedly the best in the bunch, and the heavy burden may not prove a handicap in view of its present fine condition.

The Moonie Ponds Handicap: One Mile

The day's racing will wind up with an interesting event for Australian ponies of any season that have not won a race since the commencement of the Annual Race Meeting. Many will remember the great display put up by Centre Court (Mr. W. H. S. Davis) in the Adelaide Stakes, when it ran third to Electron. In view of that performance I should say that Centre Court is one for a win. Ranger (Mr. Black) must, of course, be carefully considered, with Snowy River and Vixen Tor also in the picture.

My final selections will be published to-morrow.

ENGLAND'S FINE HOCKEY TRIUMPH



W. E. Hollands, above, through whose efforts the Eastern Athletic Association, were admitted to the First Division Football League, was the guest of honour at a dinner at the Kam Ling Restaurant given by Eastern recently.

WEATHER IS UNKIND TO TENNIS

GOOD DOUBLES MATCH TO-DAY

CRAWFORD & GRAY SHOULD WIN

(By "ADREM")

"Loves labour lost" perfectly describes my efforts in the last week to discuss tennis championship prospects. I cannot remember any year when the tournaments have been so affected by the "Clerk of the Weather" and both the organisers and the competitors must be getting thoroughly upset with the constant delay.

The one bright spot is the fact that the courts, which were showing distinct signs of the hitherto dry weather, are likely to be in excellent condition when play is once again resumed.

In the only single match in today's programme, Paul Kong, the Chinese Davis Cup star, is scheduled to meet W. A. S. Grant. Kong is approaching the veteran stage, but still maintains a large variety of strokes which together with his vast experience, should pull him through.

SHOULD WIN

In the doubles, S. A. Gray and A. Crawford, a youthful combination from the K. C. C., will meet P. F. Tsai and Ng Kam Chuen. If the former pair can reproduce the form which made them about the most powerful combination in the "B" Division of the League last year, they should have little difficulty in winning, especially as Gray, who is a notoriously slow starter, can afford to take a set to settle down.

Lee Wai-tong, China's soccer idol, in partnership with In Tak-chenk, prominent member of the C. R. C., will meet P. C. Lee and M. C. Ma. The first-named players play solid, rather than brilliant tennis, while the latter are of the hard-hitting and dashing type. An interesting dual between attack and defence should result in victory for the more experienced Chinese pair.

OFFICER PAIRING

I am rather looking forward to the appearance of the Kumaon Rifles' representative J. D. Holmes and J. M. Tomlinson, who are meeting O. E. C. Marton and D. B.

OVERWHELM INDIA BY 7-2

BRILLIANT DISPLAY BY INTERMEDIATE LINE

LT. WRIGHT SCORES 5 GOALS

(By "STICKS")

DESPITE a steady light drizzle and a slippery surface, brilliant hockey was witnessed on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday when England caused a major sensation by overwhelming India by 7 goals to 2 in the Semi-Final Round encounter in the local International Tournament. Lt. Wright scoring five of the goals including the "hat-trick."

INDIA SECURED AN EARLY LEAD WITH A FINE GOAL THROUGH PARTAB. THE INTERPORT LEFT-WINGER, BUT 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE INTERVAL ENGLAND DREW LEVEL AND TOOK THE LEAD JUST BEFORE THE WHISTLE. FROM WHICH POINT THEY NEVER LOOKED BACK. I MUST CONGRATULATE THE ENGLAND INTERMEDIATE LINE FOR THEIR MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY.

Lt. Davies, in the pivotal position, and Brown and Parker on the right and left flanks were brilliant throughout, and to them must go the credit for England's splendid victory. The forwards, however, also played their part and S. Fowler, the right-winger, never gave a better display than in the second half, when he paved the way for four of Wright's goals in addition to being the most dangerous of the wingers on display.

England made one change, lone hand, nearly succeeding in scoring on two separate occasions. Khuda Bux was a dangerous right-winger, but not one of his very fast centres were intercepted by any of his other attacking colleagues. Marked by Parker, he was given a very trying time and only succeeded in breaking through when given a race for the ball. BRILLIANT HASSAN. Hassan, in the India centre-half berth, was also in magnificent form and would have secured Interport recognition on yesterday's performance. He was here, there and everywhere and fed his forwards with judicious passes, but his inability to recover quickly enough to block Wright's breakaways, was his one and only failing.

Ramzan, in the India goal, played a fine game in the first half and during the opening stages of the second period, but thereafter he lost all confidence in his two backs and was never really at home. The Indian backs were powerful in their clearances and this is where they made their biggest error, as the ground was dangerously bumpy in front of their goal in the second half when "air-shots" were almost a feature a minute.

WHERE INDIA FAILED India were very dangerous up to a point, but simply could not cope with the splendid opposition served up by the English halves and by the two backs, Guest and Stileman, both of whom were in excellent fettle.

Nerain Singh and Partab were the most dangerous of the India forwards, Pyara Singh, poorly supported by Awtar Singh, at inside-right, could do nothing and in the latter stages was forced to play a feature a minute.

WHERE DIFFERENCE LAY The difference in the two teams lay in the fact that whereas the English halves made the basis of their defence attack, the Indians relied on their inside-forwards to take the ball up aided by Hassan, but Awtar Singh was hopeless in this connection and rarely retained the ball for more than five yards, leaving the brunt of the work on Nerain Singh's shoulders.

The England team took some time to get settled, and once set for their task there was no stopping them. India never gave up hope, however, and tried desperately hard to reduce their arrears late in the closing period.

EARLY LEAD Partab gave India the lead after a thrilling race down the left wing. Benwell misjudging the flight of the ball from a flick England drew



L. R. Ildenfonso, above, the local representative of the P.A.A.F. was responsible for the arrangements of the Eastern soccer team's visit to Manila and is still hopeful that the Football Association will also be able to send a team.

"B" DIVISION BADMINTON CLASSIC

Kowloon Tong "A" To Meet V.R.C.

RESULT WILL BE VERY CLOSE

(By "ADREM")

A badminton match of singular importance will take place at Kowloon Tong to-night between the Victoria Recreation Club and Kowloon Tong "A" King's College, at the moment, are in a very strong position for the "B" Division Championship and the only team in a challenging position is the V.R.C., who, in the unlikely event of them winning all their remaining fixtures, will finish on level terms. This eventuality is so remote, however, that it can be dismissed and the prospects of the likely runners-up discussed.

There are three teams in the running whose records are so similar, that a forecast is extremely difficult. A victory for Kowloon Tong to-night, almost assures them of the right of replaying for the honour, whilst a V.R.C. victory will place them in a very strong position.

V. R. C., have four more teams to play, namely, St. John's, King's (Continued on Page 20)

level through Wright, and just before the interval Wraith followed up a hit by Wright to score off the rebound.

Immediately after the interval Wraith added England's third goal, but Partab reduced the arrears with another flick shot.

From this stage onwards S. Fowler and Wright came into the picture with some clever work, the former making the openings for the latter to score four goals in a row. India pressed hard all this while, but England's brilliant half-back line was impregnable.

England: Benwell (Club); A. E. P. Guest (Radio) and Lt. Stileman (Navy); Sir Brown (R.E.); Lt. Davies (Navy) and C. Parker (Police) S. Fowler (Club); Lt. C. C. Garthwaite (H.K.S.R.A.); Lt. Wright (Navy); Lt. Wraith (Navy) and J. Pennell (Police).

India: Ramzan; Daleep Singh and Kishan Singh; Bachan Singh, M. H. Hassan and Hazara Singh; Khuda Bux, Awtar Singh, Pyara Singh, Nerain Singh and Partab.

PROGRAMME	
Open Singles	
Paul Kong	v. W. A. S. Grant
Open Doubles	
S. A. Gray and A. Crawford	v. P. F. Tsai and Ng Kam Chuen
Lee Wai Tong and In Tak Chenk	v. P. C. Lee and M. C. Ma
O. E. C. Marton and D. B. Evans	v. J. D. Holmes and J. M. Tomlinson
Club Handicap Singles	
E. R. Child (-4.6)	v. R. M. Wood (+3.6)
R. M. Henry (-3.6)	v. G. Smith (+3.6)
D. L. Prophet (-3.6)	v. M. Pash. (-3.6)
Club Handicap Doubles	
J. F. L. Smalley v. G. E. R. Divett	Club Handicap Singles
G. W. Sewell and E. Bathurst (-3.0)	v. A. H. McBride and N. E. Littlejohn (+2.0)

LINCOLNSHIRE AND GRAND NATIONAL

Latest Betting Figures

London, Yesterday.

The following are the latest call-overs for the Grand National:

Golden Miller 100 to 12 o, 9 to 1 t.
Royal Mail 100 to 9 o.
De La Charce 18 to 1, t and o.
Didoric 100 to 7 o, 15 to 1 t.
Ego, 100 to 7 o, 16 to 1 t.
Puckabell 15 to 1 t and o.
Spionard 20 to 1 o, 25 to 1 t.
Misdemeanour 25 to 1 o, 28 to 1 t.
Pencraig 25 to 1 o, 28 to 1 t.
Don Bradman 25 to 1 o.
De La Neige 25 to 1 o.
Dryburgh 28 to 1 o, 33 to 1 t.
Milk Punch 28 to 1 o.
Keen Blade 33 to 1, t and o.
What-Have-You 40 to 1 o.
Emancipator 40 to 1 o, 50 to 1 t.
Ready Cash 50 to 1, t and o.
Buckthorn 50 to 1 o, 66 to 1 t.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE

Monte Sano 100 to 9 o, 100 to 8 t.
Takemy 100 to 8 t and o.
Laureat 100 to 7 o, 15 to 1 t.
Nip-away 100 to 6 o, 18 to 1 t.
Edgehill 20 to 1, t and o.
Scotch Trout, 22 to 1 o, 25 to 1 t.
Jufo 22 to 1 o, 25 to 1 t.
Prieket, 22 to 1 o, 25 to 1 t.
Inchkeith 22 to 1 o, 25 to 1 t.
Straight Deal, 22 to 1 o, 25 to 1 t.
Lost Scent, 33 to 1 o.
Bone, 33 to 1.
Overcoat 50 to 1, t and o.
King's Gap was scratched yesterday.
—Reuter.

"B" DIVISION BADMINTON CLASSIC

(Continued from Page 19)

College, Kowloon Tong "A" and St. Andrew's "B". They are certain to win against the last-named, but the other three combinations will prove much stiffer propositions.

They have one victory over Kowloon Tong "A" to their credit, but have lost to King's and St. John's. If they win to-night, the chances are that they will beat St. John's, as I cannot help feeling that the latter were a trifle fortunate in their first meeting.

MOST UNLIKELY

They will then be in a challenging position to King's but as I have already stated, it is most unlikely that they will be successful, especially as they will be playing at the College where the lighting is extremely difficult for those not used to it.

The whole situation, then, seems to hinge on the game this evening and all being equal, I am of the opinion that the winners to-night, will be the runners-up.

Both teams are at full strength. V. R. C. will be represented by W. Lawrence and M. M. de V. Soares, C. N. da Silva and S. A. Rumjahn and A. O. Barretto and A. J. Basto, which on paper, is a particularly well-balanced outfit.

BY ODD SET

Kowloon Tong's team will be R. E. Lee and A. E. H. Castro; N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan and A. W. da Roza and K. C. Hoo. On the first meeting of these two teams, Lee and Castro only lost one set, while the other pairs lost two, the whole match ending in a victory for the V. R. C. by the odd set.

I am not going to attempt to forecast the result, the teams are too well matched, but a fine game is certain to eventuate.

"POST TIME" MAKES ITS DEBUT

"One" of the latest sporting publications to make its debut in the Colony is "Post Time" which is published and edited by that well-known and popular, Mr. A. E. S. Alves, who was formerly Secretary

Week-End Soccer

By

"Linesman"

With three of our senior teams in the running for the Hong Kong Football League Championship, there is great speculation as to the possibilities of South China "A" overcoming the Royal Welch Fusiliers or vice versa. This match, which will take place at Sookunpoo tomorrow, is a vital one for the Chinese.

In weighing the merits and demerits of both teams, it is not an easy matter to pick the ultimate winners. South China cannot afford to share the points at such a critical stage, and should the Fusiliers win, it will practically give the title to the Rifles. The Chinese are not likely to take any chances, and I feel confident that Lee Wai-tong and his colleagues will be at their best. Their form in last Saturday's match, however, must be improved upon if they hope to succeed.

I feel that the Chinese will win, and the reasons are that they have been playing together as a team for a number of years, their knowledge of one another's positional play being almost perfect. Taking position for position, the Chinese have a greater number of players who are shoulders above their Fusilier opposites.

The Fusilier forward line is good, but is definitely below the standard of the Chinese. The finishing lacks that necessary touch. Their half-back line, however, is extremely good, and has on more than one occasion carried their team to victory, for they combine attack with a solid defence; in other words they play the right type of half-back game.

In the other First Division matches to-morrow the Club, Rifles, Police, and St. Joseph's should win.

SUNDAY'S MATCH

On Sunday we have one match, which should be worth watching. South China "B" are opposed to the Seaford Highlanders at Caroline Hill. They latter should win for they are a side to be reckoned with. Without the services of Miller, their captain and centre-forward, they beat the Rifles, who stand every chance of carrying off the championship. It was no mere fluke that they won, for, territorially, they were in their opponents' half most of the time.

South China "B" are not a weak side, and are also in the running for the championships, and at present lie fourth in the League table. In Chan Tak-fai they have a centre-forward who will soon take over the similar berth in the "A" team. His play has been outstanding and his parting shots when in or near the penalty area are eye-openers. With Chan Tak-fai as their leader, the Chinese stand a good chance, but I do not think they will defeat the Scots.

of the Sports Club. The booklet contains 48 pages of interesting turf material including tips for the First Extra Race Meeting, which takes place to-morrow, a pictorial section, cartoons and jokes, and is priced at 50 cents.

CLUB SHOULD BEAT ATHLETIC TO-MORROW

Second Division Encounter

The Club should easily account for the Athletic in their Second Division Soccer encounter at Sookunpoo to-morrow, as the team chosen is a strong one.

Milne, who played for the first team last week, will be at inside-right, with Wilson their former back, on the right-wing. Stone will lead the forwards and will be supported by E. Fowler and Sloan, on the left.

The intermediate line should have no difficulty against the Chinese forwards. Dr. Shaw and Gilchrist, both of whom have had considerable experience in local football, will be the wing halves, while Kemp, one of the most promising players, will hold the pivotal position.

Stephens, Bultman and Krilovsky; Shaw, Kemp and Gilchrist; Wilson, Milne, Stone, Fowler and Sloan.

MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON

C.R.C. And Champions To Meet

Only one fixture in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League will be decided this evening, the match between Kowloon Tong and the University having been postponed.

The Chinese Recreation Club will entertain Recreio "A" at Causeway Bay, but stand little chance of winning.

The champions will be fielding their usual team who have hitherto only conceded 9 games out of 81.

TO-NIGHT'S TEAMS

Recreio "A"—L. A. Carvalho and Miss Olga Ribeiro, jr., J. J. Remedios and Miss C. Silva, and M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva.

Chinese R.C.—S. P. Chan and Miss W. Cheung, F. H. Kwok and Mrs. S. W. Liang, and S. W. Liang and Miss Rose Perry.



J. M. Pinto, above, who has represented India in the local International Hockey Tournament since the inception of the series, was sorely needed yesterday.

D.B.S. ROUT QUEEN'S COLLEGE AT CRICKET

The Diocesan Boys' School easily defeated Queen's College in a cricket match played at Sookunpoo last Wednesday.

Queen's College: 34 (G. White 6 for 10; D. Crary 3 for 15).
D.B.S.: 124 for 2 (A. Prata 42; W. Lay 42 not out).

LOCAL INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY REPLAY

The following will represent Ireland in the local Hockey International replay against Wales, to-day at 4 p.m. at Shamshuipo:

Cpl. Boyd (R.U.R.); Lieut. Wilson (R.U.R.); L. Cpl. Ray (R.E.); L. Cpl. Moore (R.U.R.); Ed. Boston (R.U.R.); Sergt. Hayden (R.U.R.); Lieut. Otway (R.U.R.); L. Cpl. Callam (Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers); Capt. Ryland (R.U.R.); Lieut. Harris (R.U.R.); T. C. Wall (Police).

HOLE IN ONE

Another "hole in one" has been reported to have taken place on a local course. Playing on the Old Course at Fanling last Monday, Mrs. L. Garner performed this feat at the Seventh Hole.

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SEVER SCORES TRY OF LIFE-TIME REMARKABLE RUN WINS GAME FOR ENGLAND

(By HOWARD MARSHALL)

London, February 15.

ANOTHER addition to our rich store of Rugby memories—five minutes to go—Ireland two points ahead in a desperately close game at Twickenham—suddenly the thickest figure of Sever breaking clear—pounding along the left touch-line—running 60 yards—60 miles it seemed—Boyle racing across to cut him off—Sever swinging inwards—Malcolmson and Boyle hitting him like thunder—Sever swinging left again—driving forward with his powerful thighs—plunging over to score the great try which gave England victory by a single point.

IT WAS THE SORT OF TRY WHICH THE HERO OF A SCHOOL STORY SCORES IN THE LAST CHAPTER, AND IT ENABLED ENGLAND TO SCRAPE HOME BY A PENALTY GOAL AND TWO TRIES TO A GOAL AND A TRY. WERE YOU THERE, IN THAT YELLING CROWD? DID YOU SEE THAT TREMENDOUS RUN? AND DID YOU WONDER, AS I DID, HOW SEVER FOUND THE STRENGTH TO REACH THE LINE AND HURL HIMSELF OVER WITH BOYCE AND MALCOLMSON CLINGING TO HIM, WHEN ALL THE AFTER-NOON HE HAD TAKEN SUCH A HAMMERING FROM THE 13TH MORAN?

Sever, with his pale, determined face, is swiftly becoming one of the game's great characters. As we waited for play to begin, Irishmen were apprehensively recalling his smashing try in Dublin last year, when he ploughed through the Irish pack and left two massive Irish forwards stretched out for dead. And it was Sever, you will remember, who dropped the decisive goal against Wales a month ago.

CRITICISM—SILENCED

Now it is not often that we have a chance to talk about a match like this. I daresay there have been better matches, from the purists' point of view, matches with more brilliant football to raise them above the ordinary. This match, though, had a quality of its own, a vitality which silences, temporarily at least, all critical mugwumpery.

It was a convincing answer, anyway, to the demand for new legislation. We do not need new laws, but a revival of the old spirit, a revival which took place in this particular game.

Did you think, incidentally, that Ireland were unlucky to have victory snatched from under their noses so dramatically? Sever's try, after all, was merely the chance rebound of a sorely pressed English defence, and Ireland had shown us superb running and glorious tackling. They had even scored a beautiful orthodox try from a set scrummage, thus confounding all modernists, and I cannot help regretting the intrusion of a penalty goal with England's total.

TAME ENGLAND ATTACK

I do not propose to haggle over the fact that the England backs should have made more use of their abundant opportunities. The criticism is true. There were the England forwards, scrummaging magnificently, and there was the English attack, fading tamely away in midfield before an opponent had been drawn or an opening made. I can well believe that the English selectors were the only thoroughly wretched people on the ground, and they will have a good many headaches before the team to meet Scotland is picked.

The critic, though, will be able to make his deductions from the run of play in a match which went far towards restoring the prestige of international football.

IRISHMEN EVERYWHERE

And here let me be honest. I went to Twickenham expecting little more than the ordinary dull dog fight. All the trappings of the big occasion were there—the good humoured, shuffling crowd, the serpentine procession of cars, the unofficial programme sellers, the ticket touts, the pavement banks. Parties



of Irishmen moved everywhere—Irishmen in green caps—Irishmen with green ties and rosettes and flags—loquacious Irishmen, hopeful Irishmen, even, strange phenomenon, truculent Irishmen, and a steady stream of spectators flowed round the great stands and eddied into the enclosures along the touch-lines and piled up on the terraces at the south end.

ALL EYES ON CROMIEY

It was a grey, still afternoon. No sun, no wind. The touch-flags drooped, the seamen's band and the pipers of the London Irish rifles marched and played, and we talked of old battles and cheered as the teams trotted out of the dark alleyway.

We were anxious to see little Cromiey, the new Irish stand-off half, for he could run, they said, and dart like a startled fish. There he was, diminutive and bow-legged, and behind him the great jovial Siggins and bald-headed Deering, and neat, efficient Morgan, and the rangey, thin, Bailey—a dangerous one, this—watch him, England, for all you are worth.

And the English players took their places—massive Longland, youthful Kemp, imperturbable Owen-Smith—and Cranmer.

BUTLER'S AMAZING TRY

Not great football but rousing enough, and full of promise. The defence of one side or the other must crack, and we had hardly settled ourselves after the interval when Campbell started a dribble in the England 25, Longland carried it on, Huskisson followed, the ball skidded away from touch by inches and bounced into Huskisson's hands, and Butler was up to take a pass on the Irish line and fling himself over for an amazing try.

A fine dash by Huskisson, one of the best of the English forwards, but the irrepressible Irishmen came back like a whirlwind two minutes later. A scrum on the English 25, a perfect pass by Morgan, Cromiey

moving at top speed, Bailey crack through the centre, another beautifully-timed pass to McMahon, and Moran charged away to score a try right out of the old-fashioned text books.

GOOSE COOKED

No opportunism here—just swift attack and classic running—and when Bailey went through again a moment afterwards, clean as a whistle, we rubbed our eyes in amazement. The scoring pass was knocked on, it is true, but this was real Rugby football, and Ireland were playing like men inspired.

Nothing could stop them, and sure enough Morgan broke grandly from a loose maul, ran clear, punted diagonally as Owen-Smith came in to tackle, and Moran roared up the right wing to touch down for another perfect try. A great goal by Bailey, and England's goose seemed cooked.

EIGHT MINUTES TO GO!

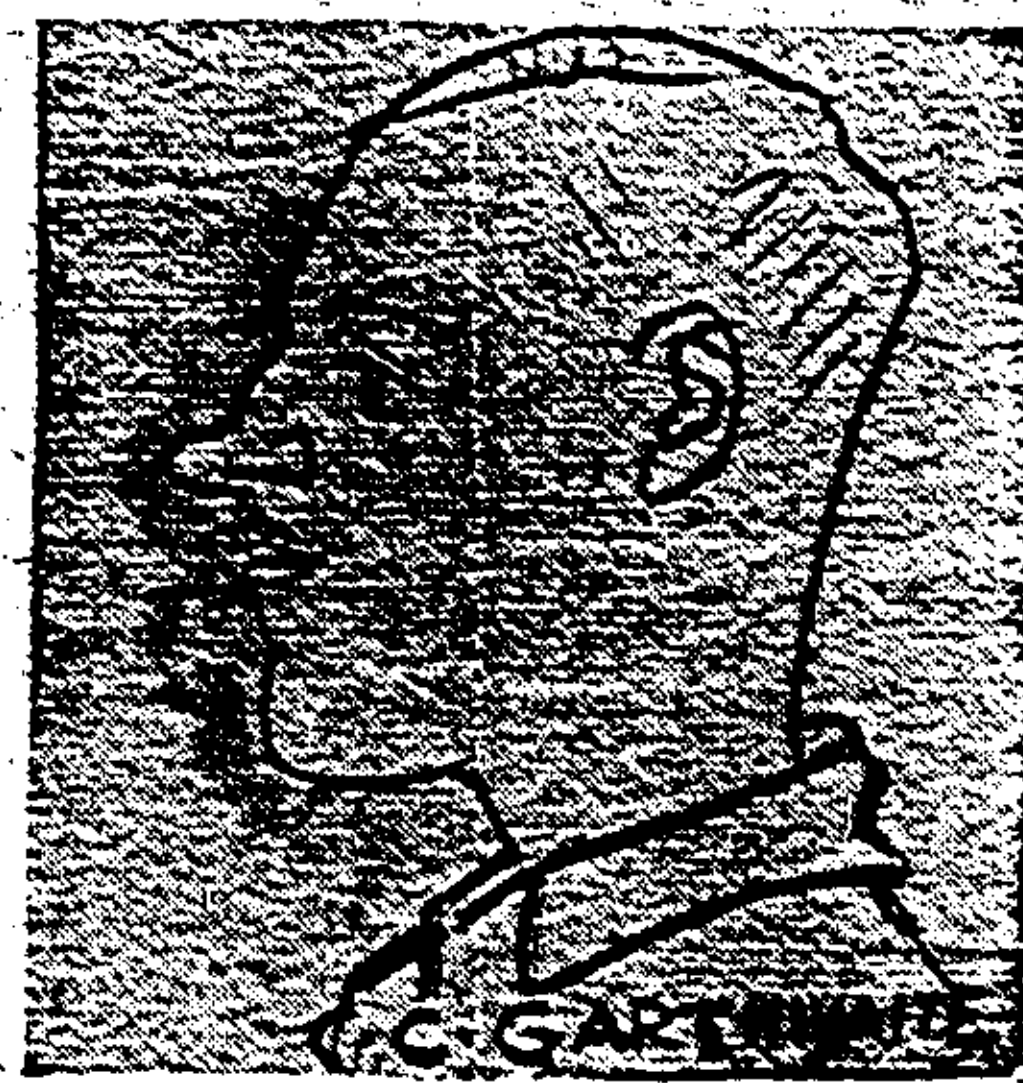
Eight minutes to go, and Ireland penalised for off-side near their posts. A goal by Cranmer, England two points behind, a furious Irish onslaught, and then the great moment. The ball went loose near the English twenty-five, Giles nipped hold of it, shot it to Candler, and there was Sever, bursting free, tearing along the touch-line with 60 yards to go.

Never shall we forget the sight of that white jersey on the far side of the field, racing for the line, and as Sever started we saw Boyle on the Irish left wing turn and sprint for the corner flag in a desperate attempt to cut him off.

AND 60,000 CHEERED

It seemed to last a century, that heroic charge of Sever's, and with five yards to go he swung inwards. Malcolmson was there, diving for his knees. Boyle flashed across, crashing at his shoulders, but somehow Sever managed to veer left, fling himself forward and ground the ball, while 60,000 people leapt wildly in the air and yelled themselves hoarse.

The referee consulted the Irish touch judge, ran to the historic spot and raised his hand. A try, and the try of a lifetime at that. Enough excitement, surely, for one afternoon, but England nearly threw that hard-earned lead away.



Lt. C. C. Garthwaite, above, was in fine form for England yesterday in the local International Hockey Tournament match against India.

STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

Next Sunday's Golf Pairings

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday:

OLD COURSE	
9.20 a.m.	W. L. Alexander, D. J. Lyon.
9.24 "	T. Low, T. R. Chassels.
9.28 "	C. G. Agnew, J. H. M. Andrew.
9.32 "	E. L. Groome, T. Lindars.
9.36 "	A. C. I. Bowker, G. C. Worrall.
9.40 "	E. Taylor, W. J. Waddington.
9.44 "	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
9.48 "	R. K. Valentine, S. H. Dodwell.
9.52 "	R. D. Gillespie, A. H. Forbes.
9.56 "	P. L. Leefe, A. Corrigan.
10.00 "	H. R. B. Hancock, K. S. Morrison.
10.04 "	Cotesworth, Elliott.
10.08 "	Col. Blake, Capt. Michell.
10.12 "	D. J. Gilmore, I. H. Geare.
10.16 "	A. E. Lissaman, K. K. Rounds.
10.20 "	T. E. Pearce, G. A. Pentreath.
10.24 "	Major Hogg, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.28 "	M. L. Reidy, H. C. Watson.
10.32 "	J. P. Sherry, C. Mycock.
10.36 "	R. E. H. Nelson, M. G. Carruthers.
10.40 "	A. Anderson, J. Forbes.
10.44 "	J. Harrop, D. L. Prophet.
10.48 "	F. G. van Reede, F. Buckle.
10.52 "	N. K. Littlejohn, H. N. Williamson.
10.56 "	J. A. R. Selby, E. Bathurst.
11.00 "	L. J. A. Feilden, H. A. Browning.
11.04 "	A. Nicol, W. Woodward.
11.08 "	D. C. Chapman, H. S. Pinsdale.
11.12 "	J. A. D. Morrison, J. H. McElney.
11.16 "	W. A. Adamson, R. S. Harrison.
11.20 "	G. N. Gawler, W. A. Hogarth.
11.24 "	D. S. Edward, B. H. C. Hallows.
NEW COURSE	
9.24 a.m.	W. and Mrs. Sharp.
9.32 "	H. Overy, Miss Chandler.
9.40 "	H. M. Alexander, Col. Matthews.
9.48 "	Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Dinsdale.
9.56 "	W. N. A. and Mrs. Smalley.

K.C.C. ANNUAL CONCERT AND PRIZE GIVING

A dance will be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday, March 20, commencing at 9.30 p.m. Dress suits will be worn. A cold collation will be served, tickets for the evening being priced at \$2 for Gentlemen and \$1.50 for Ladies. The annual smoking concert and presentation of prizes for Cricket, Tennis, Bowls and Billiards will be held on Saturday, March 27, at 9.15 p.m. Members are requested to make a note of this date.

JOE LOUIS TO FIGHT IN LONDON

Max Baer A Possible
Opponent

New York, To-day.
Promoter Mike Jacobs announces that he has arranged with Brigadier-General Critchley, of the Harringay Arena, London, for Joe Louis, the sensational Detroit "Brown Bomber" to fight in London in the summer.

Joe Louis will be leaving for England after his fight with James J. Braddock, for the World Heavy-weight championship, which is scheduled to take place in Chicago on June 22.

Joe Louis will fight "the best man available" probably Max Baer, in London.—Reuter.

BIRMINGHAM RACES SURPRISE

No Bank-Holiday
Meeting

London, February 16.
This summer, the first time for 40 years, there will be no August bank-holiday meeting at Birmingham.

This year, Derby replaces Birmingham as the racing attraction for the Midlands on the Monday and Tuesday, the Birmingham fixture being fixed for August 30 and 31.

This change in the fixtures was discussed at the annual meeting of the Birmingham Racecourse Co. Ltd., at Birmingham yesterday, when the balance sheet showed a net profit of £5,977 for 1936. A dividend of 8 per cent. free of tax was declared, and £6,749 was carried forward.

ARMY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT COMMENCES

A fast hockey game was seen on the Police Training School ground yesterday when the Seaforth Highlanders and the Royal Welsh Fusiliers shared two goals in the First Round of the Army Cup Hockey Tournament.

Fusiliers opened the scoring through Vaughan, but the Highlanders equalised through Clark. There was no score in the second-half.



Guy Cheng, above, represented China last year in the European Zone of the Davis Cup competition, but is not available this season.

JUNIOR SHIELD SOCCER REPLY FOR TO-DAY

A replay has been ordered by the Hong Kong Football Association in the Junior Shield match between the Royal Engineers and Lyemun. These teams met last Saturday, when the Engineers won by 4 goals to 2.

It was discovered after the game, however, that owing to a misunderstanding only 70 minutes had been played, whereas the match should have been over 90 minutes.

The game will be replayed to-day on the Navy ground at Causeway Bay, commencing at 3 p.m.

Middlesex Defeat Somerset

London, To-day.—Middlesex beat Somerset by 9 points to 5 in their friendly Rugby fixture yesterday at Richmond, while Newport beat Neath by 19 points to 8. In the remaining game played Cornwall beat Kent, at Camborne, by 15 points to 6.—Reuter.

WOMEN'S CRICKET

The Yorkshire County Cricket Club has sent a donation of ten guineas to the Women's Cricket Association for their Hospitality Fund for entertaining the Australian women cricketers, who are to visit England this year. This follows a donation of £25 from the M.C.C. to the Women's Hospitality Fund.

MISS HARDWICK SECURES TWO WINS AT NICE

South Of France
Tennis Titles

(By A. WALLIS MYERS)

Nice, February 12.

The South of France championships were continued here to-day in brilliant weather. The Swedish competitors, Schroder and Nystrom, both advanced in the single, Schroder defeating Varlott and Nystrom beating France, of Yorkshire.

Miss Hardwick opened her Riviera season confidently. She beat Mrs. Semmence, another British player, 6-2, 6-4, and later, paired with Kho Sin Kie, defeated Miss Lermite and France by 6-2, 6-1.

King Gustay, partnered by Mme. Mathieu, who was very mobile behind her volleying ally, won his first round handicap mixed doubles match against Kostoris and Mme. Landru.

The King is playing for the International Club against Monaco next Monday, and will be partnered by Brugnon.

L.T.A. CHAIRMAN HONOURED BY ALL ENGLAND-CLUB

Presentation In Token
Of Services

INTERNATIONAL DATES FIXED

London, February 7.

The Council of the Lawn Tennis Association are to make a presentation to Sir H. Wilberforce in recognition of his service to the game.

Sir Herbert, who until recently was chairman of the All-England Lawn Tennis Club and chairman of the committee of management of the championships, is an old Cambridge Blue.

With the Hon. P. Bowes Lyon, he won the doubles championship at Wimbledon in 1887. For eight years he was president of the All-England Club, becoming chairman in 1930. He was succeeded this year by Sir Louis Greig.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

The council of the L.T.A. have arranged the following international matches:

England v. Scotland, Glasgow, May 7 and 8;

England v. Wales, Newport, July 12 and 13;

England v. Wales (women), Llanelly, August 2 and 3;

England v. Ireland, in England, August 23 and 24.

In addition to the championships and the Davis Cup Challenge Round at Wimbledon on July 24, 26 and 27, 162 tournaments have been applied for. The Junior championships will be decided at Wimbledon in the week beginning September 6 and the professional titles will be played at Eastbourne on August 9.

WORLD TITLE FIGHT FOR McAVOY

Paris, February 15.—Jock McAvoy, the British middle-weight champion, has accepted an offer to meet the winner of to-morrow's world championship fight between Marcel Thil and Lou Brouillard, for the title.

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1937 — 1938.

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Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R. N. Hospital.

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G. D. G. FERGUSON,
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GENERAL NOTICES

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at **HAPPY VALLEY** on **SATURDAY, 13th March, 1937**, commencing at 2:00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1937.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Power of Attorney dated the 29th day of March, 1934 given by Mr. Chau Man-chee otherwise Chau Man Chi to Mr. Mok Tat Huen to manage the Imports and Exports Department of the firm of Chau Yue Teng of China Building has by Deed dated the 6th day of March, 1937, been revoked.

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	Feet
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Signal Station	1,774
Mt. Parker	1,734
Mountain Lodge	1,725
The Eyrie	1,725
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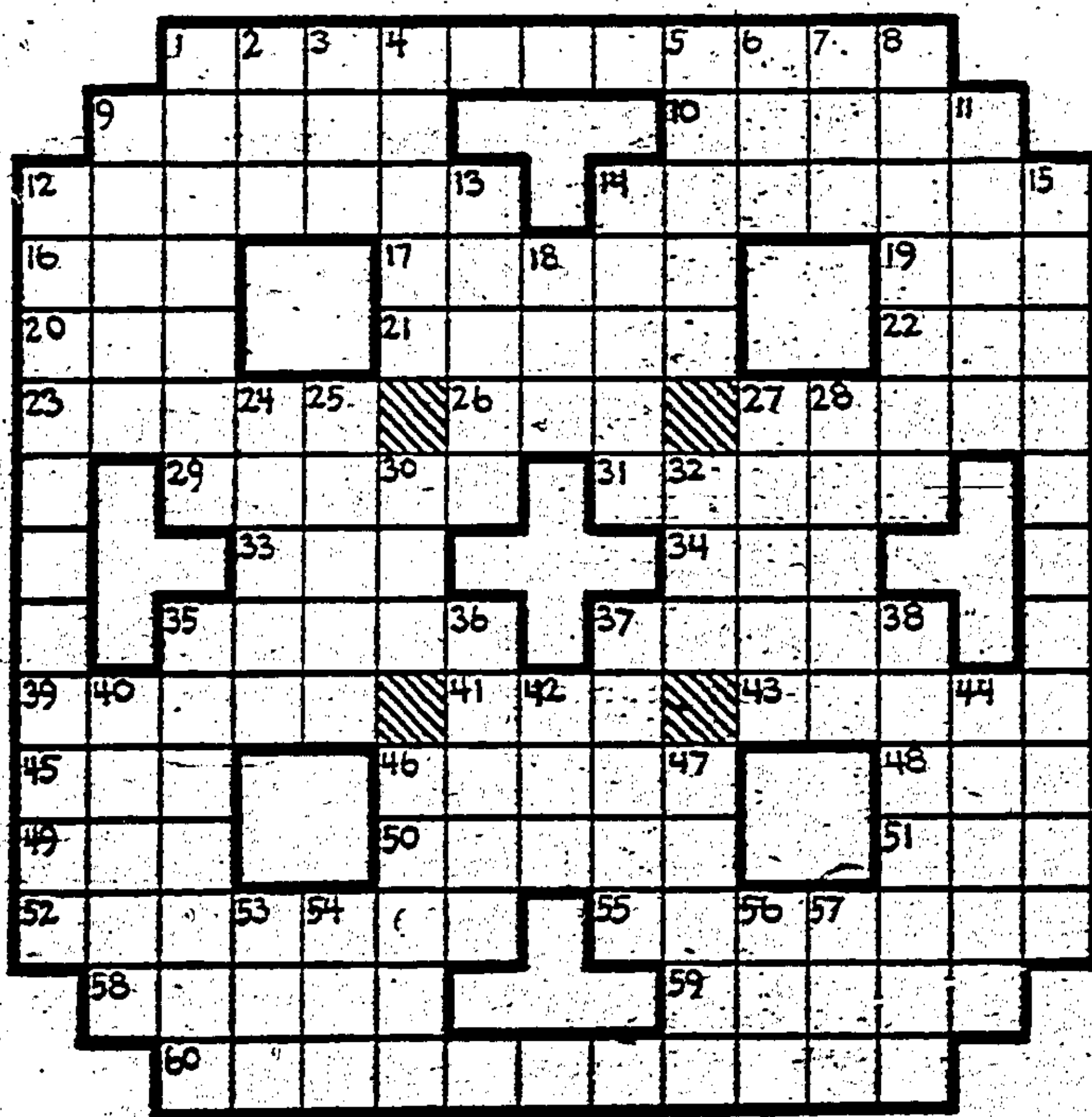
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-world puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL
1-Discriminate.
9-Any day of the week except Sunday (P. C. Ch.)
10-Jeer
12-Straight line intersecting a curve (pl.)
14-To uncover
16-Make a mistake
17-Change the form of
19-Prefix. Before
20-No (Scott.)
21-Lodges
22-A compass point (abbr.)
23-Slumber
25-Hawaiian food
27-Articles of commerce
29-Piece of thin rock
31-That is (contr.)
33-S. W. State of United States (abbr.)
34-Gone by
35-Lets stand (proof reading)
37-Waste
39-Fur-bearing animal
41-Strike gently

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
43-A kingdom
45-National Education Association (abbr.)
46-Goddess of grain
48-Wild (Scott.)
49-A month (abbr.)
50-South American ruminant
51-N. central State of United States (abbr.)
52-Unimaginative
53-Tritest
55-Dolls
59-Appearing as if gnawed
60-Vividly bright
VERTICAL
1-Edicts
2-Man's name
3-Crime
4-A Turk
5-Employer
6-Invoice (abbr.)
7-Look
8-Assistants
9-Wild
11-To waken abruptly

VERTICAL (Cont.)
12-Melodramatic
13-Shant
14-To give up an appointment
15-Semblance
16-In a greater degree
24-Excite
25-Device for removing fruit skins
27-Set
28-Make amends for
30-Small bird
32-Chance
35-Beghmer
36-Incantation
37-Stalks
38-Blackest
40-Lukewarm
42-A constellation
44-Rent
46-Grasp
47-Satisfied
53-A compass point (abbr.)
54-Residence (abbr.)
55-Exist
57-Capital of Great Britain (abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue.

ANALYSIS OF SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS

Amazing Story of Nazi Plot In U.S.

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.—AN ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO BUILD UP A FASCIST GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

AS THE FIRST STEP TO THIS, THE NAZIS HAVE ORGANISED AN ARMY IN THE UNITED STATES OF 200,000 MEN, WHICH WOULD BE INCREASED TO 1,000,000 BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

This sensational allegation was made in the House of Representatives yesterday by Mr. Samuel Dickstein, New York Democrat.

Mr. Dickstein, substantiating his statement, offered to name a hundred spies who were attempting to establish a Fascist Government in the United States.

He was speaking in support of a resolution to investigate the distribution of slanderous un-American propaganda.

SCARED TO DEATH

Thousands of German-Americans, he stated, were scared to death because they were threatened with reprisals against their relatives or property in Germany.

They had been forced to sign a draft form for the German army, he alleged, failing which retaliation would result against their connections in the homeland.

Mr. Dickstein named a chemist employed by a leading motor-car firm as leader of the Nazi forces in the United States.—Reuter.

"HINDENBURG" IN AIR AGAIN

Leaving For South America Next Week

Frankfurt-on-Main, To-day.

The giant dirigible Hindenburg ended its short "winter sleep" yesterday when it took off on a flight over Frankfurt.

The airship's engines have been subjected to a complete overhauling.

The airship will inaugurate the first regular flight to South America on March 16. — Trans-Ocean.

GODOWN COMPANY MEETING

Severely Hit By U.S. Shipping Strike

At the 50th annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company held this morning, the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson explained the falling off of the Company's revenue and profits as largely due to the American shipping strike, which had deprived them of American shipping for 3½ months.

He mentioned further than traders in Hong Kong were living more from hand to mouth, with the result that income from storage charges was considerably less.

A full report of the proceedings (held over by pressure on space) will be published to-morrow.

BRITISH VERDICT ON MR. SATO'S SPEECH

London, To-day.

The speech by the new Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Sato, in the House of Peers, evokes an earnest and sympathetic notice in a long leader in the "Times" to-day.

The paper says that no British friends of Japan will quarrel with Mr. Sato's explanation of the anxiety with which Japanese activities have been and still are regarded in Britain.

The open door in Manchukuo has become an exit rather than an entrance for foreign traders.

SMUGGLING EVIL

Attempts by the Japanese Kwantung Army to detach the five northern provinces from dependence on Nanking were accompanied by huge-scale smuggling with the aid of Japanese and Koreans who, when hard pressed, could generally count on the support of Japanese soldiers and warships.

Smuggling had lately shown signs of revival but the losses which it had caused had less effect on British public opinion than the aggressively militarist spirit which inspired it.

SUIYUAN INVASION

Frequent despatch of armed bands into Suiyuan, increases in the Japanese garrisons, attempts to undermine Chinese authority throughout the north, could only give the impression that the militarists were endeavouring to convert northern China into a Japanese protectorate.

"MILITARY APPETITE"

British observers who had studied the process which began with the seizures of Manchuria, its conversion into the client state of Manchukuo and the rupture between Japan and the League, wondered how long it would be before the military party would threaten central China and jeopardise Britain's vast interests and recognised rights in the Yangtse Valley, and how long the lawful Government of China could risk internal revolution by mere passive diplomatic resistance to the increasing Japanese demands.

EXPLOSION FEAR

Also if continual pressure was caused, there might be an explosion which might throw all East Asia into the melting pot and would inevitably promote a disastrous extension of the anti-foreign and semi-nationalist brigand communism of China which was the bugbear of Japanese militarists, whose policy helps to keep it alive.

It was these considerations which affected the British attitude to Japan far more than commercial competition or differences towards naval disarmament.

FAVOURABLE IMPRESSION

That is why Mr. Sato's speech produced a favourable impression in Britain, where the desire expressed by many leading Japanese for improvement and modernisation of

Anglo-Japanese friendship is fully reciprocated.

It is true that sedative speeches by Mr. Sato's predecessors were sometimes followed by military demonstrations which had a contrary effect, but the fact that Mr. Sato before accepting his new post, exchanged views with Mr. Sugiyama in the presence of Premier Hayashi, is regarded by well-informed Japanese opinion as highly significant.

There are signs that moderate opinion has begun to influence Japanese foreign policy.

General Hayashi is a soldier but his speech at the re-opening of the Parliamentary session was in no way that of a militarist, and his references to Anglo-Japanese relations were obviously inspired by a genuine desire for their improvement.

CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT

Japanese newspapers and politicians had been advocating a change of policy in China and Mr. Sato, by courageously admitting past errors, has encouraged the prevailing criticism of a system in which Japanese diplomacy has been the prisoner rather than the ally, of the powerful military clique.

Yesterday's debate in the Diet was further evidence of the growth of a constructively critical spirit.

BESETTING WEAKNESS

The "Times" gives as example, criticisms by Mr. Tsurumi, who it says probably rendered a great service to the Japanese Foreign Office by emphasising the lack of inter-departmental consultation and co-ordination which is the besetting weakness of the Japanese administration and accounts for the great gaps that yawn so suddenly and disconcertingly between the assurances of Japanese statesmen and the actions of Japanese soldiers.

It is still too early to prophesy success of the new policy.

Chinese distrust will not disappear rapidly. The Army may reassert its power.

Nevertheless, the paper concludes, Mr. Sato's speech and yesterday's debate in the Diet are encouraging signs of a better outlook on international relations. — Reuter.

Rumanian Air Plans

Milan, To-day.

An agreement has just been concluded between Italy and Rumania granting the latter the right to manufacture Savoia-Marchetti bombing planes under license.

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